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By Ronald Faux

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Four arrested in picket line battle with police at Dover

Sealink go to court as ferry clashes spread

- ***The first picket-line violence in the P&O dispute led to arrests in Dover after activists clashed with police***
- ***Sealink will seek sequestration of union funds after crews of two ferries refused to cross the picket lines***
- **Preparations were completed in the Dutch port of Rotterdam for the first P&O sailing to England in 12 weeks**
- **The company formally dismissed the 720 NUS members who have refused to accept its new terms and conditions**

By David Sapsted, Howard Foster and Roland Rudd

The three-month dispute between the National Union of Seamen and P&O European Ferries is expected to enter a more bitter phase today.

The company indicated yesterday the first of its ships would leave Rotterdam today for Dover while the union appeared to be spreading its action by stopping two Sealink ships from sailing.

Picket-line violence broke out for the first time in the dispute early yesterday when seamen and a number of activists clashed with police. Three men and a woman were *arrested and charged as pickets* tried to prevent lorries from entering the port at Dover. Pickets numbered about 300.

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Among those at Dover was Mr Terry French, described by some as "orchestrating" confrontation. Mr French was setenced on appeal to four years in prison for causing grevious bodily harm to a police officer during the miners dispute four years ago. NUS officials appealed to police to stop him.

In the House of Commons Mrs Thatcher said: "Any violence is a criminal matter. People who resort to it must expect to be dealt sith accordingly by the prosecuting authorites and by the courts."

In the High Court, Sealink *plans to seek the sequestration* of NUS assets after the action *by ferrymen who refused to* cross the union's picket line, *causing the cancellation of two* ships.

A company spokesman said: "As a consequence of using the same port as P&O Sealink crews are being intimidated by picket action and prevented from carrying out their duties. Despite reminding the NUS of its responsibility we now have no alternative but to reactivate our outstanding injunction which we now consider places the union in contempt."

Mr Justice Ognall granted Sealink leave to cut the normal two days' waiting time at a brief private hearing.

There were suggestions *last* night that the NUS planned to mount a *second mass picket* early this morning at Folkestone in an attempt to stop Sealink services there.

Treading cautiously because of the High Court hearing, all seamen's leader, Mr Sam McCluskie, said last night: "It is up to the judge to decide what should happen. We have tried to stay within the law but if it is decided that we have not, then I honestly feel this will no longer be a *Dover issue,* but a NUS issue *affecting all our members, particularly those on ferries."*

Meanwhile, in Rotterdam preparations were completed yesterday for the departure of the first *P&O* ferry to sail in 12 weeks. The Pride of Kent now has a full complement of crew and has taken on board sufficient fuel and stores to make the 10 hours' crossing from Holland to Dover.

The next to leave Rotterdam is expected to be the *Pride of Bruges* followed by, atthe end of the week, the Pride of Sandwich.

A spokesman for P&O said yesterday that morale was high on board the ships and that the final additions to the skeleton crew were expected to arrive on board The Pride of Kent early today.

One of the new rules introduced by the company as part of the *radical new* employment package forbids the drinking of alcohol by crews on board ship. Yesterday, *only food had been put* on board The Pride of Kent.

Rosters are still being worked out by P&O for the operation of the ferries once back in service and three crews of about 80 men each are needed to fulfil safety requirements.

The NUS accused the company of keeping some of the ratings in Rotterdam, who will be used to sail the ships back to Dover, against their will. It said it had first hand reports that some of the seamen were not allowed off the ships and asked the Dutch ferry union, the FWZ, to investigate its claims.The codmpany denied the allegations.

The three men and one woman who were arrested on the Dover picket line yesterday faced charges ranging *from breach of the peace* to

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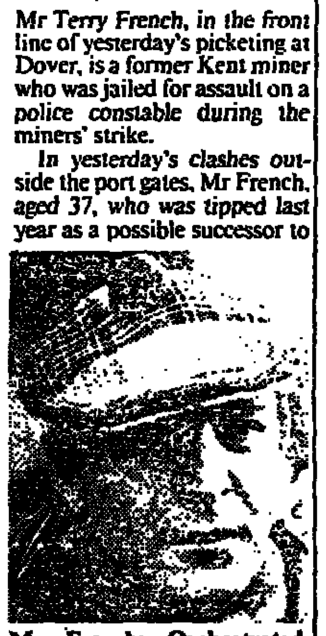
Police restrain a picket yesterday as demonstrators try to prevent lorries entering the docks (Photograph: Chris Harris).

Coal picket veteran in front line

By David Sapsted

Mr Terry French, in the front line of yesterday's picketing at Dover, is a former Kent miner who was jailed for assault on a *police constable during the* miners' strike.

*In yesterday's clashes out*side the port gates, Mr French, *aged 37, who was tipped last* year as a possible successor to the retiring Scottish miners' leader, Mr Mick McGahey, urged seamen to confront "the pigs" as he orchestrated tactics through a loudhailer.



Mr French: Orchestrated *tactics with a loud hailer.*

Mr French himself did not take part in the confrontation, which was good humoured until a German lorry, its

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Threat of revolt forces concessions on benefits

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

Details of the concessions on social security benefit *designed to avert another* backbench rebellion were *being hammered out by senior* ministers last night.

At Downing Street Mrs Thatcher met Mr John Moore, *the Secretary of State for* Social Services, Mr Nicholas Scott, *the Minister for Social* Security, Mr John Major, the *Chief Secretary to the Treasury,* and Mr John Wakeham, *the Leader of the Commons.*

They were prepared to meet again early today if necessary and their deliberations were due to be ratified by a meeting of the Cabinet economic committee. Labour is today staging a debate in the Commons on the benefit changes.

Mr Scott was applauded last night when he told a meeting *of 80 Conservative MPs he* was convinced the Govern*ment would do enough to* meet their concerns. Doubts *have spread well beyond the* core of rebels to the most loyal *Conservative MPs.*

He made it clear that the Government was not looking only at the question of the cut-off in housing benefit for *those* with savings of £6,000, which many Conservatives want to see raised to £10,000. "Col*leagues have concentrated on* the capital cut-off but there are *other places where the shoe* pinches and we have got to *look at those as well."*

Mr Scott said he hoped the Government would be able to show during today's debate that it understood the concerns expressed by *its* own backbenchers and others in the House.

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Earlier, Mrs Thatcher hinted about the concessions when challenged by Mr Neil Kinnock, Labour leader, to say if there would be changes in housing benefit, changes she had denied were necessary when he questioned her only a fortnight before.

She said the system was badly *in need of reform* and the "substantial structure" of *what the Government had* introduced this month would stay — a clear *indication* that some details were to alter.

It was explained in Whitehall that the Government was seeking an "amelioration of the anomalies". The likely cost would be something similar to the £130 million con*cession already used to buy off* community charge rebels.

Senior ministers *last* night predicted the Government would come up with a package including the correction of immediate anomalies and a review of the working of the new regulations which did not rule out further corrective action later if further anomalies were picked up.

The Government's business managers were satisfied that the package emerging would be sufficient to head off any serious Conservative rebellion on the Labour motion which calls for a lifting of the capital limit on housing benefit to £10,000.

Conservative MPs have been pressing for a lifting of *the £6,000 capital limit* and an easing of the "taper" by which housing benefit *is withdrawn.* They also want action in the *cases of elderly people who are* refused benefit on the strength of owning unsaleable houses which are classed as accessible capital.

Last night Mr Kinnock said the need to secure housing benefit changes was urgent because there was no transitional protection for those who lost out as there was with some other benefits.

Nestlé in £2.1bn battle for Rowntree

By David Brewerton

A European takeover battle for Rowntree, the York confectionery and food group, is under way after a £2.1 billion bid from Nestlé was launched yesterday.

Rowntree rejected the approach and declared its determination to remain independent. Mr Kenneth Dixon, the group chairman, *said: "The offer from Nestlé is* unwelcome and does not re*flect the value of Rowntree's* unique collection of inter*national brands."*

The Nestlé offer had been *widely expected. Two weeks* ago, another Swiss food group, Jacobs Suchard, pounced to acquire a 15 per cent shareholding in Rowntree. A number of City institutions sold at 630p, compared with the 890p a share offered by Nestlé.

The stock market is now *expecting the two Swiss giants* to battle for Rowntree, and few are hopeful that Rowntree will retain its independence.

Nestlé has been operating in Britain for 120 years, but has *built only a 2 per cent share of* the confectionery market, its *major product* being Milky Bar chocolate.

Rowntree, by contrast, has 24 per cent of the market, where its leading brand, KitKat, is second only to Mars in sales. *Other big-selling* Rowntree products are Quality Street, Smarties, Black Magic, After Eights, Rolos and Polos.

Rowntree's market share puts it in third place *in* the £5 billion a year market after Cadbury Schweppes and Mars. Nestlé and Suchard are also-rans in Britain.

Herr Helmut Maucher, managing director of Nestlé, *put it like this:* "Rowntree is strong in the UK. Nestlé not *too much so."*

The Nestlé offer sent the Rowntree share price soaring 178p to 928p — well above the bid's value because dealers expect a counter offer from Suchard.

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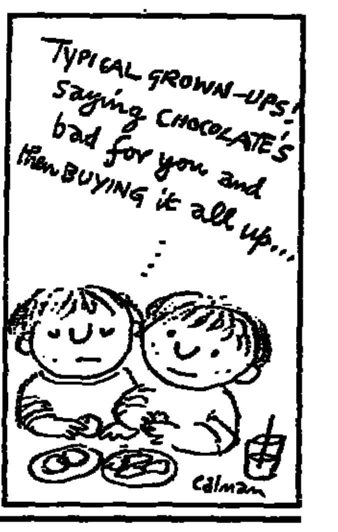

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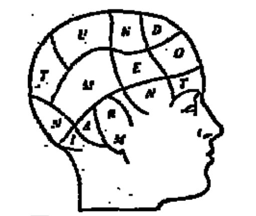

TOURNAMENT OF THE MIND

- The hunt is over: from more than 30,000 *entries an outright* winner has been found in *The Times* Tournament of the Mind. The winner — who made only one mistake in the final round — will receive £5,000 and *The Times* Mind of the Year trophy. The individual winner's *name* — and the answers — will be announced in *The Times* tomorrow

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Broadcasting blueprint

IBA rejects Thatcher ideas

By Richard Evans, Media Editor

A blueprint for ITV in the 1990s which directly challenges the Government's broadcasting philosophy and *specifically rejects three of the* Prime Minister's most favoured plans for television was produced yesterday by the *Independent Broadcasting* Authority.

In sharp contrast to present Cabinet thinking, the IBA is vociferously opposed to selling off ITV franchises to the *highest bidder in 1992. The* auctioning idea would "undermine public service broadcasting on ITV", it says.

Similarly the IBA, which currently controls the existing ITV network of 15 regional stations, argues against Government plans to allow Channel 4 to sell its own advertising airtime, opting for the status quo.

But most *surprisingly* of all, the IBA continues to be against a Broadcasting Standards Council, the Government's new television watchdog and a Conservative manifesto pledge, which will be established this summer. The "additional quango ... would not be an effective means of enforcing standards", it says.

If it is to survive, Thames, largest of the ITV companies, must cut 200 jobs and remove all restrictive practices this year to save at least £4 million a year, its 2,300 workers were told yesterday (Our Media Editor writes).

Instead the IBA, which is anxious to preserve its regulatory role, proposes the novel idea of football-style "yellow cards" and "red cards" — and possible fines — for ITV companies who breach standards of taste, decency, programme quality or political impartiality, with the ultimate penalty being the termination of a contract.

Lord Thomson of Monifieth, who retires as chairman of the IBA at the end of the year, did little yesterday to camouflage the difference of opinion between the authority and the Government over the future of broadcasting.

"In the IBA's opinion it is high time that the interests of the viewers were placed at the centre of the debate on broadcasting," he said. We put the viewer right at the forefront and all other objectives should be tested against this."

In spite of producing their long-awaited policy statement, *Independent Television in the 1990s*, only weeks before Cabinet ministers are expected to complete their White Paper on broadcasting, Lord Thomson is hoping to

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Five die in fierce Israel border fight

From Ian Murray, Jerusalem

Two Israeli soldiers, one of them a Lieutenant-Colonel, were *killed* in a battle in which three gunmen who tried to infiltrate Israel from south Lebanon before dawn yesterday also died.

Two other Israeli soldiers were wounded, one seriously, in the fierce clash between the gunmen and a patrol of the élite Givati Brigade.

The patrol found the three infiltrators' tracks on the western slopes of Har Dov. After a chase involving helicopters, the three were tracked down 200 yards from the security border fence, and the patrol charged, led by its battalion commander. He died as the gunmen fired a missile and threw grenades before the patrol overwhelmed them.

Major-General Yossi Peled, the commander of the northern region, said later it was essential for soldiers to carry out these charges to be sure of *killing infiltrators* and preventing them reaching Israeli border settlements.

A statement by the "National Resistance Front" in Beirut later claimed the raid had been mounted by Palestinian and Lebanese commandos.

This is the eleventh attempt to infiltrate Israel since a Palestinian hang-glider pilot carried out a suicide raid last November.

- **Journalists punished:** Two senior American journalists yesterday had their official government press accreditation taken away for failing to submit reports to the military censor which claimed Israel had been behind the killing in Tunis of Khalil al-Wazir, the PLO's military commander.

The two, Glenn Frankel of *The Washington Post* and Martin Fletcher of NBC, were told that they would both be able to continue to report from Israel.

Here is the result of tomorrow's general election

From Gavin Bell
Seoul

An appalling blunder by a local *television station has sparked* a violent controversy over general elec*tions that are regarded as* crucial to South Korea's political stability.

The state-controlled MBC network, on the southern island of Cheju, *startled viewers on* Monday night by announcing a result — 12 hours before *the polls opened.* To make matters worse, it gave victory to the ruling *party candidate* by a big margin.

Embarrassed MBC executives said the brief transmission had been a technical error by engineers during a rehearsal for *live* broadcasting of the actual ballot-counting.

But opposition leaders, backed by militant students, protested that it was evidence of an attempt by the ruling Democratic Justice Party to manipulate the results by computer fraud.

Within hours of the television "leak", several hundred demonstrators took to the streets in Cheju to protest against what they perceived as electoral fraud. As polling began, students at Yonsei University in Seoul clashed with riot police. Thousands were reported to be planning a bigger demonstration for today.

No matter how innocent the mistake may have been, Democratic Justice Party officials must have been shaking their heads yesterday and wondering what more could go wrong.

On the eve of the poll, they ordered their candidate in the south-eastern town of Andong to resign after nearly 4,000 envelopes stuffed with money and campaign leaflets were discovered being posted to voters. Three DJP agents were reported to the police for allegedly giving out similar envelopes in the south-western town of Mokpo.

Despite the furore the ruling party was expected to retain control of the enlarged 299-seat National Assembly by a reduced majority.

Early returns gave the Democratic Justice Party a commanding lead, but not sufficient to ensure an absolute majority. By midnight, partial returns showed the DJP leading in only 86 seats, with no results declared in 20 constituencies. The turn-out was relatively low, and estimated at 72.6 per cent, compared with 89.2 per cent in the presidential election.

The opposition's prospects were diminished by abiding rivalry between its two champions, Mr Kim Dae Jung and Mr Kim Young Sam, which was clearly splitting the opposition vote in the same way as in the presidential election.

Mr Roh has successfully *kept him*self above the mud-slinging, but the future of his administration *may* depend upon whether the elections are perceived to have been fair. In particular, his opponents were watching closely for the result from Cheju.

- **Blaze death:** An opposition campaign worker in Taegu died yesterday when five Democratic Justic Party supporters set *him* alight after he poured paint thinner over himself and dared them to carry out a death threat.

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Merseyside to get NI print plant

A printing works is to be built by News International at one of Britain's unemployment blackspots, it was announced yesterday. The plant, on a 29-acre site at Knowsley, Merseyside, will come into operation in 1990. It will print all the company's titles (*The Times, The Sunday Times, The Sun, News of the World,* and *Today)* and distribute them throughout the Midlands and north of England.

Hundreds of jobs will be created in the building and manning of the plant, News International said last night. Agreement was reached with the Labour-controlled Knowsley Borough Council after talks with the Department of Trade and Industry.

Mr Jim Keight, the council leader, said: "This is the largest development that the borough has attracted since its creation in 1974". Building is due to start on the Knowsley Industrial Estate in the autumn, and is expected to take about 12 months. The area has an jobless rate of more than 20 per cent.

Open pit opposed

A proposed 300-acre open-cast mine at Pont Einion, near Northop, North Wales, would have such serious environmental effects that the landscape would not recover for several generations, a report concludes. The findings of the "environmental impact assessment" by Richards Moorehead and Laing, the consulting engineers, of Ruthin, Clwyd, emerge soon before the coming into force, due on July 3, of an EEC directive requiring such assessments for many planning applications. The report was commissioned by Delyn borough council, which has recommended that the application by British Coal should be refused.

Windmill problem

Mr Cecil Parkinson, Secretary of State for Energy, said yesterday that the options suggested by the opponents of nuclear power had themselves raised serious environmental problems. He told the Institute of Energy in London that the Government had put £120 million into research into alternative energy sources and added: "The tidal barrage schemes could have serious impacts on bird and marine life, and some people argue that windmills are far more intrusive on the countryside than any large power station."

Jail control 'struggle'

Prison officers say they are struggling to keep control at Ford open prison, West Sussex. Mr Steve Stone, Prison Officers' Association branch chairman, told a public meeting in Arundel that staff had been threatened with broken bottles, and that one prisoner had come close to gouging out an officer's eye with a ball-point pen. He said that violent prisoners were being "dumped" in open cells designed for non-dangerous offenders, and added: "One group of lifers were told they were to return to a closed prison and grabbed bottles and pens and were only disarmed after a long struggle."

£500 for hurt feelings

A man who claimed sexual discrimination when he was refused a job selling lingerie, was awarded £500 for injured feelings by an industrial tribunal in Glasgow yesterday. Mr Steven Rowan, aged 26, of Hadley Gardens, Southall, Middlesex, was turned down for the job at an Etam shop in Glasgow last year. Etam said contact with customers in a state of undress was inappropriate for a male.

Sunday shops check

The Union of Shop, Distributive and Allied Workers is to prosecute councils which fail to take action against shops trading illegally on Sundays. At its conference yesterday, the union also called for Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Attorney General, to enforce the Shops Act, 1950. "Refusal to do so encourages an increasing number of shop owners to break the law on Sundays", it said. The union's legal department will gather evidence to enable it to take action in the courts against councils "who will not act upon their responsibilities".

Evangelicals move towards unity with Rome

By Clifford Longley
Religious Affairs Editor

More than 500 senior Evangelical churchmen, including 65 from the General Synod of the Church of England, have signed a public statement calling on the Pope to renounce such traditional titles as "Vicar of Christ", "successor of the Prince of the Apostles" and "Supreme Pontiff of the Universal Church".

They "dare to hope" for such a gesture, they say, as it would reassure them that a remodelled form of the papacy, which they say they might be able to accept, was possible.

Their statement is the strongest indication so far that they are prepared to envisage unity with Roman Catholics in a united church led by a reformed papacy, and marks a significant step towards unity between the two churches. Evangelicals inherit the Protestant tradition in the Anglican Church, and are traditionally the least enthusiastic towards the Pope.

It has been remarked in recent years that the present Pope does not himself favour the more flowery of his many titles, although "supreme pontiff" (which literally means "chief bridge-builder") is still in use.

The Evangelicals do approve of the Pope's ancient title, "Servant of the Servants of God", however, as an image of pastoral service. And they are prepared to consider a papal role in a united church analogous to that played by the Archbishop of Canterbury in their own church, or the Ecumenical Patriarch in the Orthodox church.

The full range of Evangelical opinion in Anglicanism appears to be represented among the signatories. It is addressed to all the diocesan bishops of the communion, who are meeting at the Lambeth Conference this summer.

The Evangelical statement takes the form of a long commentary on the official doctrinal agreements issued by the two Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commissions (known as ARCIC) over the past 15 years. These it broadly welcomes while raising numerous technical questions and making suggestions for improvement.

On the papacy, which has always been seen as the biggest Evangelical objection to unity between the Anglican and Roman Catholic communions, the signatories declare: "We are not at all convinced that an earthly pastor with universal oversight is desirable".

They would, however "contemplate" a leadership role similar to that exercised by the Archbishop of Canterbury or the Ecumenical Patriarch, which was understood as "a certain seniority. . . to be understood in terms not of coercion but of pastoral service".

The point of such a role would be to express "historical continuity, visible unity, personal affection, and a ministry of brotherly support, but not papal infallibility or universal jurisdiction". Elsewhere, the statement says the claim to papal infallibility "must surely be subject to the supreme authority of Scripture", and it remarks that the Roman Catholic Church now recognizes, "or is very close to recognizing", the principle of scriptural supremacy.

The statement suggests that the commission should now prepare an outline of the form which any official relationship with the Roman Catholic Church could take, and it asks for a definition of the goal of "full visible communion".

Both the Vatican and the Lambeth Conference are due to make a formal judgment on the ARCIC statements this year, after all the episcopal conferences and provinces of the two churches have contributed their views.

The statement, which would have been almost inconceivable 25 years ago, will be taken as setting down a number of markers for future negotiations between the churches.

Evangelical opinion in the Anglican Communion has become notably more sympathetic to the idea of Anglican-Catholic reunity since the publication last year of the ARCIC agreed statement on "justification by faith alone", an issue which had been their main sticking point.

The names of 25 bishops are appended to the statement as expressing their "general sympathy" with it.

Thatcher rebukes Haughey on Ulster

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

The Prime Minister sharply rebuked Mr Charles Haughey, the Irish prime minister, yesterday for his criticism of British policy in Ulster.

She exposed clear differences between Downing Street and the Foreign Office over the approach to Irish affairs when she said she hoped that Mr Haughey's speech to Irish republican sympathizers in New York last week did not mean the Irish government was backing away from its security responsibilities under the Anglo-Irish agreement.

She agreed with Mr Michael Mates, Conservative MP for Hampshire East, who suggested Mr Haughey's remarks were irresponsible.

Mrs Thatcher, who pointedly abandoned the conciliatory approach taken by Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, infuriated the opposition parties, provoking Mr Kevin McNamara, Labour's Northern Ireland spokesman, to shout angrily at her across the floor of the Commons.

Conservative MPs concluded that Mrs Thatcher could not have been pleased with Sir Geoffrey's speech in Derby last Friday when, in response to Mr Haughey's attack, he said that he did not underestimate the "hurt" felt by the Irish in recent months.

Mr Haughey complained of civilians being harassed by security forces in Ulster and said only a new political structure embracing the north and south could accommodate Catholics and Protestants.

Mr Mates asked Mrs Thatcher whether Mr Haughey's attack had not been unhelpful, at a time when people were working hard to improve Anglo-Irish relations, and irresponsible, to have advocated a unitary state when his government had put its name to a document forswearing that outcome until a majority in Northern Ireland wanted it.

Mrs Thatcher said she agreed. "The defeat of terrorism requires unstinting effort and effective cooperation across the border. We shall continue to press for that and to seek reassurance from the Irish government that the speech to which he refers does not mean they are backing away from their responsibilities."

● Mr Haughey was accused in the Irish parliament yesterday of never having condemned the IRA since he became prime minister. Opposition speakers claimed during an angry exchange that he was the first Irish premier not to condemn Ulster violence while on an official US visit.

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Hunt for arsonist at ordnance depot

Council workers wearing protective clothing clear asbestos debris yesterday after the fire.

By Craig Seton

An arsonist is suspected of starting the second big fire in five years at the Army's central ordnance depot at Donnington, Shropshire, where yesterday 50 detectives and Ministry of Defence police began investigations.

Mr Roger Freeman, Under Secretary of State for the Armed Forces, said the fire on Monday that caused millions of pounds worth of damage in a 10-acre covered storage depot and led to an asbestos pollution alert was the second that day in the same building.

He said: "The fact that there were two fires in the same building within a few hours of each other leads one to the conclusion that arson should not be ruled out".

As the police investigation began at the military supplies depot near Telford, one of Nato's largest, more than 100 council workers wearing protective clothing started clearing asbestos dust.

The first fire on Monday in the giant, hanger-like building housing vehicles and technical equipment was seen at 11.30am. Its cause was not known. Then, at 3.15pm almost 200 workers were cleared as the second fire took hold in a different part of the same building.

In 1983 another fire in a similar building caused damage estimated at £150 million and spread asbestos debris over a wide area. That blaze led to an internal Ministry of Defence investigation. Recommendations for greater security against fire risks were still being implemented in building B1, scene of the latest fires.

The Armed Forces minister also rejected a call from Mr Bruce Grocott, the constituency MP, for a public inquiry. Mr Freeman said there would be an internal inquiry.

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Ridley launches Heseltine attack

By Richard Ford, Political Correspondent

Mr Nicholas Ridley yesterday criticized his former Cabinet colleague Mr Michael Heseltine who senior Ministers accused of instigating the Conservative rebellion against the poll tax.

The attack highlighted the Secretary of State for the Environment's anger at the role played by Mr Heseltine in opposing the measure and the Cabinet's suspicion of his wider motives and leadership ambitions.

Mr Ridley said: "It is always interesting to hear how people's views change when freed from the cares of office."

He said an example was a recent open letter written to him by Mr Heseltine, a former Environment Secretary, in which he protested that the South-east was being "torn up and torn apart" by development.

Mr Ridley then ridiculed his former Cabinet colleague saying: "Michael gave his name, albeit unwillingly, to 'Heseltown' and implored planning authorities to 'adopt a more positive attitude to planning applications'. He tells us that circumstances have now changed, and that it is quite wrong to adopt a positive attitude to planning applications. Memories are not so short".

However Mr Ridley warned the building industry not to ignore growing concern at the scale and quality of new development.

He told the annual lunch of the Building Materials Producers in London that they had to help improve the climate of understanding within the construction industry about mounting public concern over new developments.

Central control of education rejected

By Our Chief Political Correspondent

The Prime Minister yesterday quashed Conservative hopes of cutting poll tax bills by removing education spending from local authority control.

Conservatives with misgivings about the community charge believe its effects could be mitigated by reducing the proportion of council spending financed locally.

It is argued that the greater the sum financed centrally by taxation, the easier it is for the Government to argue that funding of local government takes account of ability to pay.

The leaders of the Conservative rebellion on the poll tax meet tomorrow to consider their tactics for the Bill's passage in the Lords, and to select a senior peer, possibly Lord Pym, the former foreign secretary, to approach to head their efforts.

Amendments are certain to be tabled to take education off the rates. The move would have the backing of many in the Commons who have voted reluctantly for the Bill so far.

Yesterday Mr Hal Miller, Conservative MP for Bromsgrove, asked in the Commons for the Prime Minister to look again at the possibility of financing education centrally.

But she dsif there was no way the Department of Education and Science could administer the entire system; it would mean complete central control of education, which would not be desirable.

The community charge Bill was introduced into the Lords yesterday. Seventeen Conservatives voted against its third reading in the Commons, and a further 20 were thought to have deliberately abstained.

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Hospital may dismiss two consultants

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

Two consultants are expected to be dismissed at a London teaching hospital as part of a package of health service cuts designed to save more than £3 million.

The package which includes 137 redundancies among medical, nursing, administrative and ancillary staff at St Thomas's Hospital, south London, was agreed after a seven-hour meeting of West Lambeth health authority on Monday night.

The authority also supported a 25 per cent reduction in outpatient appointments which will cut attendances by 60,000 a year.

Mr John Garnett, chairman of the authority said yesterday that there could be 50 compulsory redundancies. Because of existing nursing shortages no nurses would lose their jobs. Four consultants would be offered early retirement and two more were likely to be dismissed.

General managers have been asked to identify a further £500,000 savings to stay within legal cash limits.

The authority has already asked the South-East Thames Regional Health Authority to help it with an additional overspend of £2.8 million carried forward from last year.

Meanwhile the final battle to save Westminster Hospital opens tomorrow when an alternative scheme for the district's health services is announced.

Riverside Health Authority plans to close the hospital and three others to concentrate services in a new 700-bed complex to be built at St Stephen's Hospital, Fulham, south-west London.

The fully-costed scheme proposes a new Westminster Hospital on the site of the medical school and nurses' home in Marsham Street. Money would be raised by redeveloping the old hospital and Westminster Children's Hospital for homes and offices.

The Page Street building would become a bigger children's hospital.

● Businesses should help elderly patients beat NHS waiting lists by sponsoring private hip operations, Mrs Edwina Currie said yesterday.

The Under Secretary of State for Health welcomed the decision by a magazine for pensioners, *Retirement World*, to cancel its launch party to pay for a £4,000 hip replacement operation for one of its readers.

Mrs Margeurite Law, aged 75, from Moseley, West Midlands, had been told by her general practitioner that she would have to wait three years for NHS surgery. "The Government welcomes any co-operation between the public and the private sectors which can be of benefit to the patients", Mrs Currie said.

Her comments were criticized by Mr Robin Cook, Labour's social services spokesman, who said the magazine's action was in bad taste. "It is an outrage and demeaning. Patients deserve to expect their operations as of right and not to assist in commercial stunts."

Mr Jim Robbins, managing director of the magazine, said: "If we can sponsor one person for an operation what could the industrial giants do for their own pensioners?".

The Department of Health and Social Security said: "When old people are ill and in pain it is all they can often think about. We see nothing wrong with private businesses sponsoring operations."

Several health authorities are approaching businesses for sponsorship. Mr Peter Davidson, income generation officer at Worcester and District health authority, said: "If there is sponsorship cash available health authorities should also be trying to attract it."

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Review of schools' race policy likely after fatal stabbing

By Ian Smith

Policies adopted by schools throughout the country to prevent racial tension may be urgently reviewed after an official inquiry into the death of an Asian pupil who was stabbed in a Manchester seconday school playground.

Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education, will study an inquiry report describing the paradox existing at Burnage High School where Asian pupil Ahmed Ullah, aged 13, was murdered by a white pupil two years ago.

The report, compiled by Mr Ian MacDonald, QC, says while the governors and teachers were committed to anti-racist policies, the school declined into racial conflict and polarization.

Responsibility, the report says, lay with senior school managers who over-zealously interpreted racial harmony guidelines set down by Labour-controlled Manchester City Council.

As yet the report has not been published; the city council has been advised that the contents may be libellous. Instead a non contentious version will be given to the education committee at its meeting next month.

Meanwhile, teachers and non-teaching staff at Burnage high school are due to meet tonight when teachers' representatives will urge immediate publication.

The meeting is expected to vote overwhelmingly in favour of a demand that the report's recommendations be acted on immediately.

Those include removing Mr Gerald Gough, the headmaster, and his two deputies, Mr Peter Moores and Mr Jack Hewitt, to other schools.

Looming problems were first brought to the attention of governors by concerned teachers in 1985. A subcommittee was appointed to investigate the school but governors voted against acting on its recommendations. Those urged changes in what were regarded as devisive policies.

Not only did the governors refuse to adopt the report, they ordered its destruction.

Mrs Audrey Jones, a governor and leader of the democratic legal group on Manchester City Council said yesterday she had argued strongly against repression. "Had the governors addressed the problems three years ago this child may not have died", she said.

One teacher, who voiced colleagues' concern to the governors but declined to be named, yesterday confirmed anxiety over interpretation of school policy lay behind their unrest.

"No racial tension existed at the school ... but we were deeply worried that racial tension was being engendered by the very masters who were pledged to eradicate it ... if it ever existed in the first place."

The teacher said that only after the death of Ahmed Ullah did explosive racial tension develop. First white pupils were prevented by the headmaster from attending the boy's funeral. That further divided the pupil communities of 500 Asians and 1,000 white youngsters.

Days before the end of Easter term, a pitched battle took place between upper form white and Asian pupils.

According to the report by Mr Macdonald, aged 49 and recognized as a leading authority on immigration and racial matters, problems started in 1983 when Dr Gough was appointed. Within months he began to implement his deeply held personal commitment to anti-racist education.

Dr Gough, aged 48, is praised in the report for the introduction of progressive changes including an end to corporal punishment. But his management style is criticized as leaving the school "virtually unmanagable".

The report adds: "Our finding is that the management style has created an atmosphere of fear and mistrust and has undermined staff attempts to make this school function cohesively".

Mr Gough was last night unavailable for comment.

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Farmer wages Chernobyl war

Mr Arthur Lancaster, who is seeking £7,000 in compensation because of the effects of the Chernobyl nuclear power station accident, with his sheep dog, Nell, and a newborn lamb on his farm at Wasdale, in the Lake District, yesterday. Mr Lancaster's 1,600 sheep are still subject to government-imposed restrictions because of fallout from the accident two years ago. However, the ministry has refused to pay further compensation. The plight of Mr Lancaster and 65 of his colleagues in Cumbria was presented yesterday to a special session of the Commons select committee on agriculture, meeting at Carlisle, which is investigating the handling of the incident, the monitoring of fallout and compensation schemes. The National Farmers' Union told the committee that outstanding claims amounted to £500,000. Mr Lancaster, aged 42, who lives at Wood Haw Farm with his wife and three daughters, said he had received initial compensation of £1,500 but further claims had been repeatedly rejected. The committee will meet today at Bangor, North Wales, where another 56 farmers are awaiting compensation claims.

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Winner to go south for spree

Mrs Dorette Cobbett, a housewife from Newcastle upon Tyne is the sole winner of the daily Portfolio prize of £4,000.

Mrs Cobbett, of The Drive, Gosforth, says she intends sharing the money with her two daughters, who are in their twenties, and her husband, a solicitor.

"I have been playing the competition almost since it began, but I never thought I would win anything. I will give some to each of the family and keep £1,000 for myself.

"We have already booked our holiday so I think I will just have to go south and have a good spend", she said.

School 'failed to copy rivals on insurance'

Most schools playing rugby against Bedford School had insured their pupils for accidental injury by November 1980, the High Court heard yesterday.

There was one other school that had not adopted such a policy when Mr Simon van Oppen, then a Bedford pupil, was left crippled for life by a tackle that went wrong. He claims it was the school's negligence in failing to insure him that left him without a penny in compensation for the spine injury he suffered.

Mr Christopher Wilson-Smith, QC, for Mr van Oppen, now aged 24, said if Bedford had done the same as most of the other schools it could be said it had exercised its duties reasonably. But, although aware of the position of the others, it was significant it had "done nothing" to arrange a policy as soon as it could, he told Mr Justice Boreham.

He was speaking on the twenty-fourth day of Mr van Oppen's claim for damages from the school which he also alleges was negligent in not coaching him properly.

The action, in which the school trustees deny liability, is expected to end today.

Private schools' record high

By John Clare, Education Correspondent

A record number of children are attending private schools even though total school rolls are falling and fees have risen by 31 per cent over the past three years, the Independent Schools Information Service (ISIS) said yesterday.

The 560,000 children at 2,500 fee-paying schools total more than 7 per cent of the school population, compared with 5.8 per cent 10 years ago.

A survey conducted by ISIS in January shows a small switch from full boarding to weekly boarding and a 2.3 per cent rise in the number of day pupils.

The biggest overall increase was in the number of children aged between two and eight, up by 5 per cent. At the other end of the age range, private schools now account for 18 per cent of sixth formers.

Fees for boarders averaged £5,685 at the leading public schools and £4,300 at preparatory schools. Day school fees averaged £2,350 at public schools and £2,130 at preparatory schools.

ISIS said last year's 11 per cent increase in fees reflected the teachers' pay award; the generous staffing policy of independent schools, resulting in an average pupil-teacher ratio of 11.6:1; and increased capital investment, equivalent to £295 a pupil.

Mr Jack Straw, the Labour Party spokesman on education, attributed the growing popularity of independent schools to the "Government's relentless assault on public confidence in the state education system".

- Parents who are dissatisfied with the way their children are being taught will be able to take their grievances to an independent complaints body if local education authorities take up a proposal made yesterday by the Labour Party.

In a document entitled *Parents in Partnership*, the party calls on education authorities to draw up home-school contracts spelling out the responsibilities and rights of schools and parents.

It says all parents should have the right to a prospectus setting out what their children will be taught, what books they should read and how much homework they should do.

Parents who were not satisfied with their child's school or teachers should be able to appeal to an educational consumer service, the document says.

The service might also invite "regular confidential assessments by parents (and possibly older students) of the school's success in meeting their children's needs".

£1.3bn offer to Dalkon shield victims

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

The American makers of the Dalkon shield contraceptive have offered £1.3 billion compensation to women allegedly harmed by the device.

About 200,000 women, including 3,000 to 4,000 in Britain, have lodged claims against A H Robins. The shield has been linked with serious pelvic infection, sterility, septic abortion and ectopic pregnancy. It has also allegedly caused death.

The offer, disclosed yesterday as part of a financial reorganization plan for Robins, which was forced into bankruptcy in 1985 by the worldwide legal actions, is to be put to all claimants in a ballot.

If two-thirds accept by July 11 the settlement is expected to be ratified by a court in Virginia, United States, on July 18.

Yesterday Mr Bob Manchester, the American lawyer handling claims for some 2,000 women, 1,500 of them in Britain, said the company had originally mentioned a total sum of about £325 million. "We will be writing to advise women that they should be prepared to accept."

Each claimant will have to prove that she used the shield and that it caused the alleged damage.

Mr Manchester said he expected forms to be submitted to claimants by the autumn with the first court hearings early next year and "substantial money for clients" paid out during 1989. In this country claims range from £1,000 to more than £200,000.

Mr Manchester said: "There have been children born with major complications of delivery such as cerebral palsy. Young people in their teens and early twenties have had complete hysterectomies, with all the problems of early menopause."

Mr Michael Napier, one of the solicitors co-ordinating claims in this country, said yesterday that although some 100,000 British women were believed to have used the device, only 3,000 to 4,000 filed claims.

A meeting to discuss the offer was held in Manchester last night, others will be held in Birmingham and London.

Stress can cost firms billions

By John Spicer
Employment Affairs Correspondent

Stress-related illness is costing industry billions of pounds a year through absenteeism and inefficiency. In the early 1980s the figure was £4 billion a year, the chairman of the Health and Safety Commission said yesterday.

Dr John Cullen said the commission was placing increasing emphasis on occupational health. Its importance was only now being recognized.

Industry was well aware of the need to maintain equipment and buildings, it made for both safety and efficiency. "People maintenance" paid similar dividends and this message must be widely appreciated, Dr Cullen said.

He was addressing a conference on health care in business, in Peebles, Borders. Firms should keep employees fully informed of developments in technology. New processes vital to an industry's future could be held up if fears were established. Such fears could multiply out of all proportion, Dr Cullen said.

Employers had a responsibility, as well as a clear interest, in reducing stresses of the job by giving workers confidence in their working environment.

Marriage given a vote of confidence

By Ruth Gledhill

Marriage as an institution is fighting back, despite a rising divorce rate and growing disillusion with relationships, a survey by the Marriage Research Council shows.

Researchers followed 65 couples through the first six years of married life and discovered marriage still firmly rooted in their ideals.

But many were confused when it came to what exactly marriage should be and felt theirs threatened by pressures on their relationships.

At the annual conference of the council, a registered charity set up for research and counselling, at the Royal College of Physicians in London, two sociologists, Miss Penny Mansfield and Mrs Jean Pollard, disclosed early results from the nine-year project. They were surprised to discover that the ideal of marriage is still firmly rooted as an institution, despite the rising divorce rate.

Of the 65 couples studied, only eight have split up, compared to the average divorce rate of one in three. The researchers found among the couples, three months and six years after they married, a strong belief in marriage as an institution, and a "surprising willingness" to take on the "shackles" of domestic life.

Most of the couples married because it conferred adulthood and status and gave a purpose to their lives and work.

Few married because they had found the perfect relationship and many were happy to give up the burden of "freedom" which went with a single life. It was only later that the quality of the relationship became important.

Miss Mansfield said: "The curious thing was that so few people gave stories about being in love. What they talked about was in terms of being ready to settle down and to make a commitment.

"A lot of what is written about marriage implies that it has changed. It is not marriage that has changed, but the rhetoric of relationships. This is quite a dilemma for modern couples.

"Prevailing opinions seem to stress independence and self-fulfilment and the importance of individual relationships."

People went into marriage because they believed in the institution. It was only in the course of their married lives, that their attention turned to their relationship.

Mr Christopher Clulow, chairman of the Institute of Marital Studies at the Tavistock Centre, and co-author of a book about marriage to be published next year, told the conference: "People are still seeing marriage as desirable.

Guard frogs ordered back to base

By Alan Hamilton

A strain of super-tadpole which grows into a 12-inch carnivorous frog is threatening the delicate ecological balance and the domestic cats of Newcastle upon Tyne.

The Barratt garden centre sold about 400 American bullfrog tadpoles as potential guard frogs to deter neighbourhood cats from eating the goldfish in garden ponds.

It has recalled its stocks after warnings that they could eat most of Northumberland's newts, toads and indigenous frogs if they escaped.

Mr Gary Gill, the centre's aquatics supervisor, said yesterday: "They were extremely popular, and demand was so great that the price shot up from 75p to 99p per tadpole.

"There is a lot of executive housing around here. Some of the garden ponds are like lakes, and herons and cats stealing stock is a terrible problem. This seemed an ideal solution because no cat in its right mind would go near this thing."

Mr Tony Tynan, secretary of the Northumberland Wildlife Trust and director of the Hancock Natural History Museum in Newcastle, said the tadpoles, imported from Missouri, could wreck the delicate ecological balance of ponds, already under threat from man.

"They would eat other frogs, and newts. The great crested newt is already rare enough without having another foreign predator."

Mr Barry Clarke, of the reptiles and amphibians section at the Natural History Museum in London, said the tadpoles, which were up to four inches long, were *Rana catesbeiana*, the largest known species of frog in North America, which was known to eat small birds, young snakes, insects, crayfish, minnows, mice, voles and other frogs.

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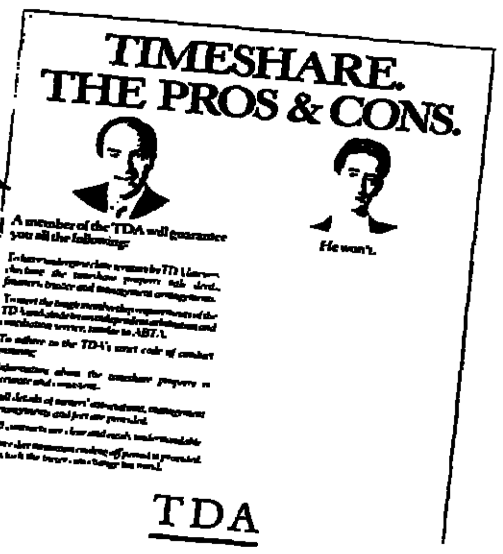

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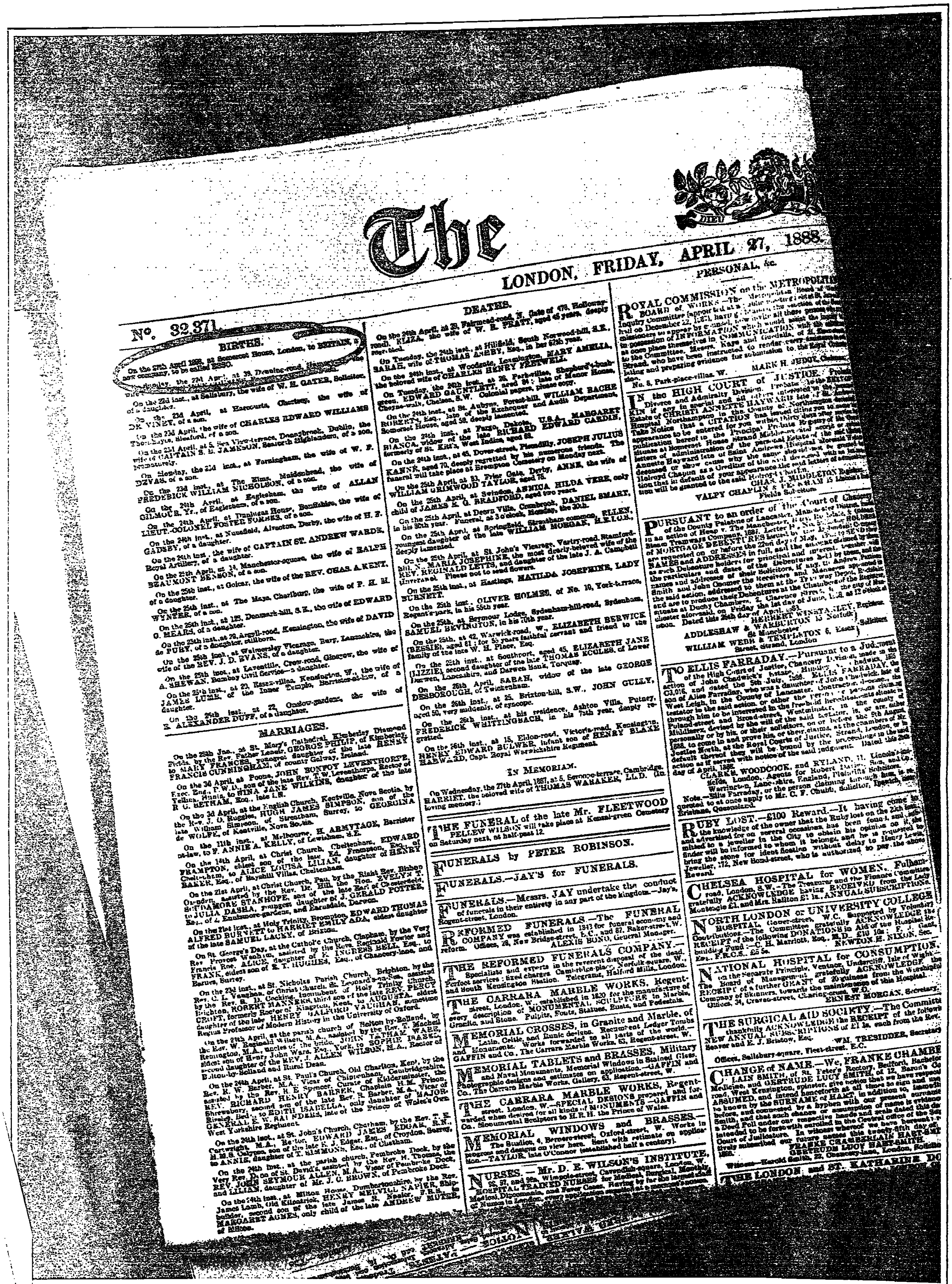

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In Britain, Victoria is in her 51st year as Sovereign, and income tax is lowered a penny to 6d. Gilbert and Sullivan are in full swing. So is W. G. Grace.

Bicycling is increasingly popular too, and Dunlop invents the pneumatic tyre.

Lord Kelvin and Messrs Edison, Lister and Bell are also pioneering, but the future of the horse for road transport looks shaky. The electric tram is making inroads. More significantly, Priestman in Hull have developed the first 4-stroke oil engine, forerunner of the modern petrol engine.

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Drastic steps sought to ease overcrowded sky

Safety is key to expected rise in air traffic demand

By Harvey Elliott
Air Correspondent

Fundamental changes in the way international flights are organized must be made if the increased demand for air travel is to be met safely, MPs were told yesterday.

Many of the measures which are necessary to accommodate the predicted increase must be faced if safety and the long-term health of the industry are to be maintained, according to the Civil Aviation Authority.

Mr Christopher Tugendhat, chairman of the authority, told the Commons select committee on transport yesterday that safety requirements meant that for the next few years there would be inevitable flight delays while new air traffic control procedures, equipment and working practices were introduced.

The measures would be able to cope with increased demand in the late 1990s, after which a detailed reappraisal of the duties and responsibilities of the CAA, together with important changes in government thinking, would be needed.

Among possible solutions were fewer aircraft carrying more people, an easing of night-flying restrictions and curbs on private or recreational flying. Flights might also be directed to a particular airport, depending on destination. For example, east-bound flights might leave from Stansted, south-bound from Gatwick and west-bound from Heathrow.

Mr Tugendhat said in a report to the committee that curbs on airline flights would be anti-competitive. Easing night-flying restrictions would cause an environmental outcry, while restrictions on private flying would be contrary to existing policy under which all users of air space are treated equally.

"Sectorization" of airports, so that traffic flowed in one direction, would be fiercely resisted, particularly by foreign airlines. It would prevent full freedom of choice for passengers, the report said.

It said the CAA had launched a big internal research project into possible changes. A full report would be submitted to the Government later this year.

"It will be necessary for government to provide a clear and coherent framework of policy embracing, and establishing priorities between, all the main elements of the equation and this will clearly require some hard decisions to be taken."

Mr Tugendhat said present concern over air misses was only a small part of the problem. The number of commercial aircraft involved in risk-bearing air misses had not changed significantly in the past three years and was much lower than 10 years ago.

There were 11.3 air misses for every 100,000 hours flown in 1977, 2.6 in 1984, 2.9 in 1985 and 2.8 in 1986.

Changes were being negotiated with air traffic controllers in an attempt to concentrate more effectively the number of trained staff on duty at peak times. This had led to "a great deal of debate and some apprehension amongst those engaged in air traffic control". Although agreement had been reached on big pay increases, these had not been implemented pending detailed local manning agreements.

The report rejected suggestions that air traffic controllers were over-worked. It said that many were doing a second job in their spare time, a practice which could be outlawed.

Growth in air traffic would mean that far more controllers would be needed, although changes in working practices would lead to a notional cutback of about 70 jobs. Recruiting targets had been doubled.

The report rejected claims by the Institute of Professional Civil Servants, which represents the controllers, that military airspace could be made available to ease overcrowding. "In the South-east, where the greatest pressures are currently evident, there are no military training areas in the upper air space. At lower levels, resistance to expansion of controlled air space comes mainly from flying clubs and gliding enthusiasts."

British Airways started a month-long trial smoking ban yesterday on its Glasgow/-Heathrow flights.

For many travellers, only one hour without a cigarette was almost too much to bare. As they left the first flight into London from Glasgow, some were already lighting up.

Mr Alastair Robertsons, from Glasgow, a 20 a day man, said: "Luckily I was forewarned and so I was mentally prepared. But I'm really looking forward to this cigarette."

Mrs Jill Docherty, from London, said: "It's a terrific idea. I think a smoking ban should be extended to all public places. Smoking is a disgusting habit."

Probation officers criticize curfews

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

Probation officers clashed with the Government yesterday over proposals for a shift in their traditional role to enforce new sentences, including curfews.

The National Association of Probation Officers said the ideas were unworkable. Mr *Bill Beaumont, general secretary*, said: "Proposals about operating a curfew and pinning people to their homes amount to a shift in the probation officers' role to a policing role or being 'screws' (prison officers) on wheels".

Mr John Patten, Home Office Minister of State, yesterday told a conference of the Central Council of Probation Committees there was a window of opportunity for the probation service, to increase the range and number of offenders it supervised, which should not be missed.

"This depends on the service *having the confidence of* the courts and the public. It will require a shift in attitudes and types of work but not in the fundamental values of the service", he said.

He said: "If the courts are to use sentences involving the probation service more, then such disposals must be seen clearly to demand more of offenders than conventional treatment.

"In some cases there has to be a sufficiently close element of supervision to enable any temptation to reoffend to be checked. This may mean, for example, requiring an of*fender to be physically in* a certain place at a certain time."

The service already practised control, both in the operation of community service orders and even in the operation of probation orders.

Earlier, on BBC Radio, Mr Patten said people who committed non-violent or less serious offences could be put under curfew instead of being sent to overcrowded prisons.

"We want to punish people and control people more in the community and less in prison for non-violent, less serious crimes", Mr Patten said.

Mr Beaumont said there was a careful balance of help and supervision by probation officers. If ministers proceeded in the direction they were going they would be in danger of destroying the balance and producing a demoralized probation service.

Appeal for steam train

The King George V locomotive, once the pride of the Great Western Railway, may be saved from enforced retirement by enthusiasts who are launching a £60,000 appeal next month.

The 140-tonne locomotive has been in the care of the Bulmer cider company at Hereford, which leased it from the National Railway Museum in York 15 years ago.

However, the company no longer wishes to sponsor it. The 6000 Locomotive Association, named after the engine's number and made up of steam enthusiasts such as Mr John Phipps (above), is negotiating to take over the lease. It hopes to raise funds for the seven-yearly boiler refit it needs to keep its certificate to run on British Rail tracks. The locomotive was built in 1927 and once crossed the Atlantic to celebrate the centenary of the Baltimore and Ohio railway. It was withdrawn from service in 1964. Bulmer used it initially on its factory railway but since British Rail relaxed restrictions on privately-owned locomotives in the 1970s it has carried fare-paying passengers to Chester, Newport, Swindon, Gloucester, Didcot and Plymouth.

Mr Stephen Philp, chairman of the association, said it would be "terribly sad" to see the locomotive withdrawn again. He was confident the funds would be raised to keep it running.

(Photograph: Lindsay Wilson)

Suburban life draws families from cities

By David Walker
Public Administration Correspondent

Britain is becoming a country of suburbanites, a study by the Office of Population Censuses and Surveys discloses.

The study, published yesterday, shows more and more people live in areas with a density of between 15 and 40 people a hectare (2.47 acres), the sort of concentration usually experienced in suburban districts.

The number of people living in crowded city centres continues to fall, as does the population in remote rural districts where densities can be one person to two hectares.

The highest rate of population growth is in wards with suburban densities. Those living in wards with 50 or more people to the hectare fell by 25 per cent over the 10 years to 1981. In the same decade, the numbers living in rural wards fell by 5 per cent.

London remains the most crowded city in England and Wales. The most densely populated 25 kilometre square at the time of the 1981 census was that covering inner London, with more than 60 people a hectare.

In 1981, inner London had 3.9 million people compared with 6.7 million in 1931.

Population Density and Concentration in England and Wales 1971 and 1981 (Stationery Office; £7.60).

Jury dismissal

The trial of a consultant gynaecologist, Mr Peter Firth, who allegedly claimed fees for visiting the homes of elderly women who were already dead, was adjourned yesterday after Worthing Crown Court was told that a juror knew a prosecution witness. A new jury will be sworn in today.

Pilot settles

A claim for £750,000 damages by Mr John Craig, aged 50, of Badgers Copse, Seaford, East Sussex, a former airline pilot, who was seriously injured in a crash with a vehicle driven by Mr Brian Craig, of Craigellachie House, Carrbridge, near Aviemore, was settled out of court yesterday.

Fatal surgery

Stephen Power, aged 18, of Middlesbrough, who died two hours after plastic surgery and bone grafts to improve his appearance, may have been allergic to a painkiller, an inquest was told yesterday. A verdict of misadventure was recorded.

Beatles action

A High Court action brought by Paul McCartney, George Harrison and Yoko Ono to prevent a record company from selling or distributing an alleged illegally-recorded album by The Beatles was adjourned for 21 days yesterday.

Shop cleared

A pet shop in Truro, Cornwall did not mislead people into thinking qualified veterinary surgeons were involved by calling itself Vetcare, Bodmin Crown Court decided yesterday.

Peer faces jail

Lord Molloy, aged 69, former Labour MP for Ealing North, London, was told in the London Divorce Court yesterday that he faces prison in 28 days' time if he fails to give his former wife's solicitors details of his financial affairs.

Lay-off threat

Vickers Shipbuilding and Engineering said yesterday it will start laying off the 12,000 staff at its Barrow-in-Furness yard in Cumbria unless they end an overtime ban.

Nuclear snub

Cumbria county councillors rejected plans yesterday to store radioactive waste in underground chambers a mile below the Sellafield nuclear processing plant.

Travel aid for motorists of the future

'Thinking radio' means end to knob-twiddling

By Daniel Ward
Motor Industry Correspondent

The first "smart" car radio has been launched to take advantage of the new European-wide Radio Data System which enables radios to re-tune automatically, identify stations by name and not simply their frequency number, and provide travel news on demand.

Volvo, which announced the first RDS car radio yesterday, believes it will be safer because drivers will no longer be distracted when reception deteriorates and another station must be selected.

In the long term it will be possible for the new generation of radios to interrupt music or interviews with local traffic news. The motorist will also be able to select a type of programme at the start of a journey, leaving the radio to maintain that choice.

Mr Johnny Beerling, chairman of the BBC and European RDS experts group, said yesterday: "I believe within five or six years there will not be a car radio without RDS". Last week the BBC met electrical manufacturers to encourage them to develop a portable radio for the home capable of accepting the inaudible digital RDS signal.

"I would like to see an RDS home radio on the market within 18 months for about £100", Mr Beerling, controller of Radio One, added. He believes the RDS car radios may eventually come down in price to less than £400 though the complete Volvo system will cost almost £800.

Initially, the attraction of RDS is its ability to identify radio stations on the increasingly crowded VHF network. The 25 VHF stations which can be received around London could double in the next three years.

RDS is a rare example of European collaboration, as a standardized signal has been accepted by all countries. For the multi-lingual that will mean being able to listen to travel news automatically when travelling on the Continent.

● An identi-kit system for cars won a £20,000 award from Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, yesterday for its further development.

The idea, which was put forward by Police Constable Simon Grantham, of the Dorset force, is to help children identify cars which they have been enticed into.

Graceful launch for Jaguar's £36,000 new car

By Our Motor Industry Correspondent

Grace and not a little pace have been part of the Jaguar ethos since the "Grace, space and pace" advertising slogan appeared in 1946. Today's launch of the XJS convertible, at £36,000 Jaguar's most expensive car, underlines that not much has changed.

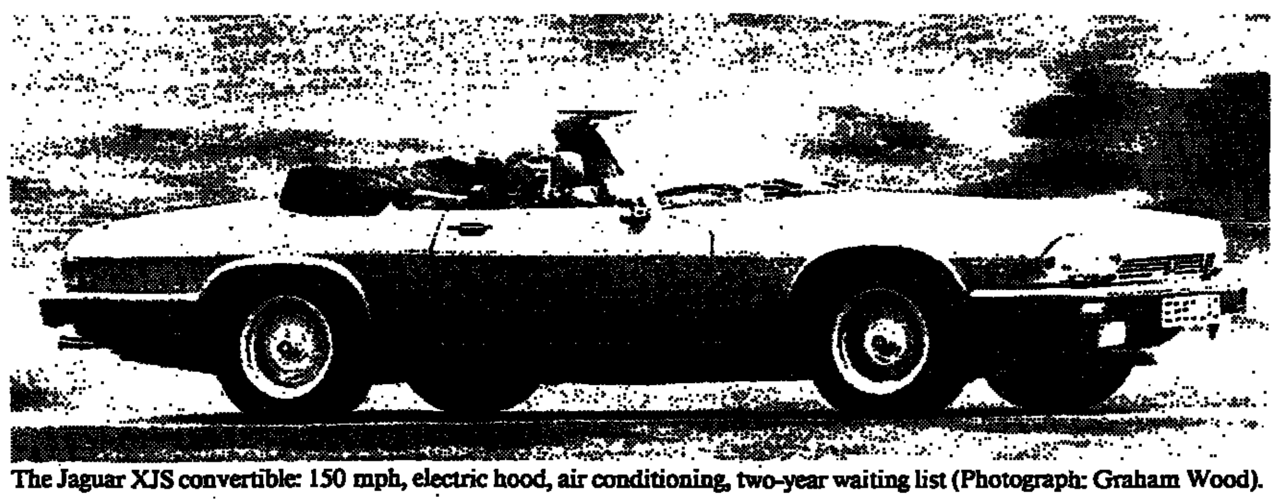
The first Jaguar convertible since the legendary E-Type was winning orders before customers had seen it or heard the price. In London, there is a two-year waiting list for the 150 mph, V12 engined car.

Mr Roger Putnam, Jaguar's sales director says: "People who like the best will have a Mont Blanc fountain pen, a Rolex watch and a Jaguar convertible." As disposable income has grown rapidly in Britain, so sales of luxury cars have almost doubled in the past two years.

Half of the 5,000 convertibles built each year will be exported to the American "sunshine states". The car has both an electrically operated hood and air conditioning.

Despite appearing to be simply an XJS coupé without a roof, it cost £25 million to develop the convertible version, a car that was orginally planned in the 1970s but never built until American laws were relaxed once more.

The new car is the first Jaguar has developed using a team management approach with experts collaborating from each discipline in the company. Jaguar attributes the early launch of the car to the success of this scheme.



The Jaguar XJS convertible: 150 mph, electric hood, air conditioning, two-year waiting list (Photograph: Graham Wood).

Free legal help for small businesses

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

A scheme to give free legal advice to people starting small businesses has won support from more than 1,000 lawyers. It was launched yesterday at a joint conference of the Law Society and Business in the Community.

The Prince of Wales, president of Business in the Community, sent a statement to the conference in which he said he hoped "the introduction of your new scheme will promote a clearer understanding by the legal profession of the needs and aspirations of small businesses, and that businesses will recognize the added value which solicitors can bring to their enterprises".

Under the Lawyers for Enterprise scheme, a free consultation which could cover finance, tax, premises, franchising and insurance, is given to the aspiring businessman. Application forms will be available, from June, at town halls, citizens' advice bureaux and Business in the Community agencies.

After the initial interview any further consultations would be paid for as normal.

At the conference in Brixton, south-west London yesterday, Mr Robin Smith, a Law Society council member, said enterprise agencies were creating some 100,000 new jobs a year, but there was a lack of involvement by solicitors.

"This is surprising: research from Southamption enterprise agency has shown that some 33 per cent of problems have a legal context; yet solicitors are hardly involved in dealing with them."

Solicitors were geared to helping medium to large firms, but not small firms, or employees who were leaving to set up on their own.

"We think the scheme fulfils a real need, not only for small businesses, but for solicitors. It will focus their attention on areas of work where they have a large part to play but where, historically, they have not played it."

Offices 'out of bounds'

The Law Society is trying to stop the public from turning up to complain or ask questions at legal aid area offices.

It says staff have been threatened and work disrupted at the 13 area offices. Unrestricted access for legal aid applicants has led many to call, "making prolonged and time-wasting visits", the society says.

It is sending notices to all legal aid applicants asking them not to visit area offices but to write, or if urgent, telephone.

An appointment at a centre might be aranged only in special circumstances. Solicitors are also being urged to impress on clients that visits without appointments may be a waste of time.

Heritage bodies save work for nation

Tate acquires a rare Stubbs

SALEROOM
by Sarah Jane Checkland
Art Market Correspondent

The Tate Gallery has acquired an important and rare work by George Stubbs, thanks to an initiative by Sotheby's and grants from two heritage bodies.

Painted on a Wedgwood earthenware oval and showing a "*Young Gentleman Shooting*", his loyal dog watchful at his side, the work is unusual for the artist because it does not feature horses and it is painted with enamels.

The last time such a Stubbs came on to the market was in 1978, when Christie's sold one depicting labourers for £300,000 to Paul Mellon. That price could well have doubled today.

"The owner was having it reappraised for insurance purposes when its tremendous value became apparent", Sotheby's negotiator, Mr Tim Sammons, said yesterday. "He had inherited it from a relative in the early 1970s."

The undisclosed price for the enamel painting was made up by a £138,608 contribution from the National Heritage Memorial Fund and £25,000 from the National Art-Collections Fund. Sotheby's will be paid a fee.

Miss Judy Egerton, of the Tate, who included the work in her Stubbs exhibition of 1984, said: "He hoped, by painting this way, the colours would stay unchanged". Compared with some of his oil paintings, it is in mint condition.

"Most of Stubbs's enamels repeat subjects already painted in oil. This one is the exception, having been painted especially for enamel."

A Pre-Raphaelite painting by Sir John Everett Millais, which has been underground for the past 90 years, fetched more than five times its estimate when it emerged at Christie's English drawings and water-colours sale yesterday.

Entitled "The Order of Release" and based on an oil painting now in the Tate Gallery, it shows a kilted Highlander being reunited with his wife and child after the Jacobite Rebellion.

Commissioned in 1863 by the dealers Agnew, the painting was last seen at Christie's when Agnew sold it in 1901. It was bought yesterday by Roy Miles, another London dealer.

Another Pre-Raphaelite work, a study of Elizabeth Siddal by Dante Gabriel Rossetti, sold for twice its estimate, at £18,700 to the dealers Hazlitt, Gooden and Fox.

It was one of many portraits by the artist of the invalid beauty who became his wife.

No sell-off at the V&A, says new chairman

By Andrew Billen

Lord Armstrong of Ilminster, the new chairman of the Victoria and Albert Museum, said yesterday that the museum is facing formidable problems, but selling exhibits was not the solution.

Lord Armstrong, who retired as Cabinet Secretary last year, said there was much to be done about the building's fabric.

"The museum has powers as to when it can dispose of items. I do not see it as part of my brief to widen them."

He supported voluntary entrance charges. "We are clearly going to have to find means of raising money other than from the Government."

Lord *Armstrong* succeeds Lord Carrington, chairman since 1983, who becomes chairman of Christie's at the end of June. Lord Armstrong will remain secretary of the board of directors of the Royal Opera House.

District profile: Adur

Liberals defend southern stronghold

By David Walker

LOCAL ELECTIONS

Adur district, the stretch of south coast between Brighton and Worthing, West Sussex, encompassing the old towns of Shoreham and Lancing, is a jewel in the Liberal Party's *local* government crown.

The Liberals long ago replaced Labour as the opposition to the Conservatives. After 20 years of pavement work, the party broke out of its power base west of the Adur to take control of the district in 1986.

Thanks perhaps to the Liberals, turn-out in Adur is higher than the average, with figures of more than 50 per cent not unusual in some wards.

Thirteen seats are being contested, of which the Liberals hold seven.

Mr Robert Dunn, leader of the Conservatives, said: "The Liberals are politically motivated; they live their politics. The Tories are old style; they just don't put in the hours."

It will take a considerable push for the Conservatives to gain the four seats they need for control, even assuming two councillors representing Shoreham Beach Residents' vote with them. However, Mr Dunn is confident of acquiring at least a slim majority.

Working against them is a niggling uncertainty among Shoreham's older citizens about the effect of the social security changes and residual anxiety about the health service.

In an area of comparatively modest means among the light industrial estates, Shoreham port and retirement homes, the issue of council finance is being seized on by the Conservatives. Rates went up by 9.1 per cent this month although that was due at least in part to a 10 per cent increase in the demands of the Conservative-controlled county.

Mr Dunn said: "The Liberals have been profligate. Our main plank is that services can be improved while the rates are held down."

Mr Martin King, the Liberal council leader, provides an enthusiastic account of non-dogmatic municipal activism, including recent initiatives to ensure that elderly people are warm in winter and to encourage dog owners to clear up after their pets.

"The cuts in housing benefit are a doorstep issue; it is the elderly owner occupiers who are being badly hit. Of some 3,500 people getting rate rebates last year, we estimate some 50 per cent are now losing out", he said.

In Southwick, *where* Mr King is standing, an issue which cuts across party lines is the recent approval given by the Government for the construction of the Brighton by-pass road.

A battle to save Southwick Hill succeeded, but Southwick traders are fretful of competition from an associated superstore.

The Liberals, who are fielding two candidates from the former Social Democratic Party, are untroubled by any Owenite fringe.

They intend keeping close to the pavements in an effort, once again, to keep a blob of yellow in the blue expanse of the South.

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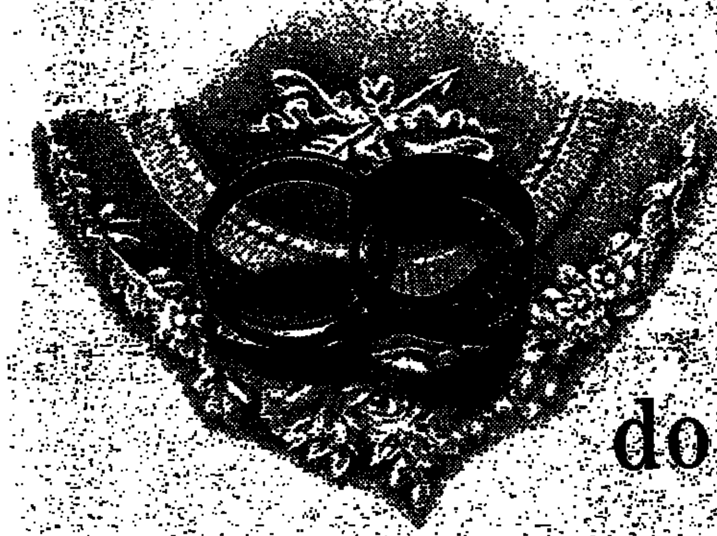
Would your life be easier if you'd married the boss?



'FRANKLY, it isn't funny any more. Some days, I leave before Kate gets up and don't get home till she's gone to bed. And, as she says, I'm becoming a stranger to the children. Funny to think that a few years ago I envied people like me.'

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WORLD ROUNDUP

Boesak launches Thatcher attack

Gaborone (Reuter) – The Rev Allan Boesak, the South African anti-apartheid leader, yesterday accused Mrs Thatcher of showing less concern for imprisoned black children than for the future of the controversial athlete, Zola Budd. Dr Boesak said at a news conference in the Botswanan capital that Western nations, particularly Britain and West Germany, held the key to the South African problem. But instead, he said that "Mrs Thatcher has more concern for Zola Budd not participating in the Olympics than for black children languishing in prisons in South Africa".

● **JOHANNESBURG:** Britain is committed to fight apartheid but will increase its aid for black education and welfare in South Africa rather than walk away from the country's problems, Mr Robin Renwick, the British Ambassador to South Africa, said yesterday.

Court rules for PLO

The Hague – The International Court of Justice unanimously ruled here yesterday that the United States should submit to arbitration in its dispute with the United Nations over the threatened closure of the Palestine Liberation Organization's mission in New York (Mark Fuller writes). The UN had appealed for an advisory opinion.

Inquiry clears Bofors

Delhi (Reuter) – An Indian parliamentary inquiry yesterday brushed aside charges that bribes or commissions were paid to help Bofors, the Swedish weapons firm, clinch an artillery sale. The report said there was "no evidence to substantiate the allegations of commissions or bribes having been paid to anyone". Opposition members jeered as the report was presented to the Upper House. The report said the government would not cancel the contract or demand reimbursement from Bofors for payments to three non-Indian companies for consultancy and marketing services.

New no-licence radio

Wellington (Reuter) – The New Zealand Government is planning to deregulate broadcasting, opening the industry to new radio and television companies that would not need licences before they go on the airwaves.

It will also open the country to so-called narrowcasting, permitting satellite and cable transmissions to specialized groups such as sports fans, movie buffs and the financial industry. A spokesman said the move was aimed at improving economic efficiency and consumer choice. No timetable for the changes has been made yet.

Turkey halts talks

Luxembourg – Turkey's relations with Greece and the EEC were severely dented yesterday after its Foreign Minister, Mr Mesut Yilmaz, walked out of a meeting with his Community counterparts because of a row over the wording of an EEC declaration on Cyprus (Richard Owen reports). The planned EEC-Turkey Association Council was abandoned, to the obvious delight of Greece, which had insisted on the controversial reference to the Turkish occupation of northern Cyprus in the EEC text.

North diary demand

Washington – The Senate Foreign Relations Committee yesterday voted to subpoena the private diaries of Lieutenant-Colonel Oliver North, arguing that the 2,848 hand-written pages of notes by the former National Security Council aide might be essential to Senate investigations of international drug smuggling (Michael Binyon writes). During the Iran-Contra hearings last summer Colonel North provided 1,269 pages of notes to the congressional investigators, but the entries were heavily edited or censored. The diaries must now be submitted uncensored.

Missile modernization

Nato delays move on deployment

From Michael Evans, London and Frederick Bonnart, Brussels

Nato defence ministers are expected this week to approve a "step-by-step" programme to modernize the remaining nuclear weapons in Europe, although a political decision on deployment of the new arms will be put off for up to two years, sources said.

The ministers, meeting tomorrow and Thursday for a Nuclear Planning Group session switched from Kolding in Denmark to Brussels, will agree to the principle of finding alternative systems for the existing 70-mile-range land-based Lance missile and the air-launched nuclear free-fall bomb. But the sources said that no package of measures would be announced.

The West Germans have made it clear that they will not be pushed into approving a deployment decision until it is absolutely necessary. They want to hold off an announcement for between 18 months and two years. Although Mrs Thatcher fought hard at the March summit for a nuclear modernization programme, the step-by-step approach towards that goal has now been accepted both by Britain and the US.

The defence ministers will adopt as low a profile as possible at the Brussels meeting, because of the wish to keep the West German Government happy.

Chancellor Helmut Kohl's Christian Democrats are facing state elections in Schleswig-Holstein on May 8, and if Nato were to take a decision this week on modernizing and "adjusting" the short-range nuclear weapon systems it would damage the election chances of the Christian Democrat candidates.

Herr Manfred Wörner, the West German Defence Minister who will be attending his last Nuclear Planning Group meeting before succeeding Lord Carrington as Nato Secretary General, is expected to follow Bonn's policy to the letter, underlining the view that now is not the time to announce a deployment decision on modernizing nuclear weapon systems. Nato's High-Level Group will produce a report that outlines the favoured systems for the future. The group has been examining modernization, following the decision in 1983 to reduce the number of nuclear weapons in Europe and update those remaining.

Their report will also focus on the redeployment of existing weapons systems, such as American F1-11 bombers and cruise missile-armed nuclear-powered submarines to Europe, to adjust for the removal of intermediate-range missiles under the INF Treaty.

The report will highlight the progress made in developing a follow-on Lance missile, Lance 2. The most likely weapon is a nuclear version of a newly developed conventional US Army tactical missile, the ATACMS, which would be launched by existing US technology, the multiple launcher rocket system.

At present a restriction by the US Congress precludes a nuclear warhead for the system. Mr Frank Carlucci, the US Defence Secretary, in his request to Congress to lift the restriction, would be considerably helped if the Nato allies backed the development.

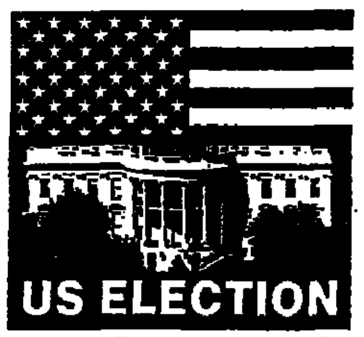
The High-Level Group report will also deal with the search for an air-launched stand-off cruise missile. The options are the American SRAM 2 and a longer-range version of the French ASMP missile.

Professor Rupert Scholz

Bonn – The announcement yesterday by Chancellor Kohl of West Germany that his new Defence Minister is to be Professor Rupert Scholz, a man with no military background, has surprised the armed forces (Our Correspondent writes). Professor Scholz, aged 50, a West Berlin senator with no seat in the Bundestag, will take over on May 18 from Herr Manfred Wörner, who in July succeeds Lord Carrington as Nato's Secretary General. He will inherit many problems in one of Bonn's most difficult jobs.

Bush abandons blacks to woo other minorities

From Christopher Thomas Philadelphia



Vice-President George Bush had no chance of capturing black votes in the Pennsylvania primary yesterday. He made sure of that when he stood on stage at a south Philadelphia union hall with former mayor, Mr Frank Rizzo, and accepted his endorsment.

The gesture demonstrated his virtual abandonment of the black vote in favour of seeking out other ethnic groups and disgruntled white conservative Democrats. Mr Rizzo, regarded by most blacks as an out-and-out racist, is both ethnic and a former Democrat. And he is Mr Bush's campaign chairman in Philadelphia.

The Vice-President, who upset black leaders recently by appearing on a Chicago stage with Mr Edward Vrdolyak, a Democrat turned Republican who has often clashed with black political figures in Illinois. "I suppose there is some potential problem," Mr Peter Teeley, Mr Bush's chief spokesman, conceded. Mr Rizzo was narrowly beaten in a bitter, racially divided election last year by Mr Wilson Goode, Philadelphia's first black mayor.

Mr Bush, clearly aware that he was sacrificing any chance of black support, publicly denounced racist accusations against Mr Rizzo, saying they were unfair, outrageous, and reverse discrimination.

"People who raise the question are suggesting that 49 per cent of the people of Philadelphia are racists because they voted for a man who has been mayor of the city and who was campaigning on things that appealed to them," he added.

Mr Bush's strategists believe that support from people like Mr Rizzo and Mr Vrdolyak will boost his support from conservative southern Democrats and northern ethnic groups. Mr Teeley described them as "stand-up, wave-the-flag Americans. We have to take a percentage of that vote."

Mr Michael Dukakis, the son of Greek immigrants and the probable Democratic presidential nominee, is likely to capture most ethnic votes, however. Mr Bush's calculated neglect of black political sensitivities is clearly aimed principally at attracting Democrats who may find the Massachusetts governor far too liberal for their taste.

Black leaders say they have seen nothing so far that would justify Mr Bush's assertion that as President he would give minority groups a more sympathetic ear. "George Bush, like the Republican Party, has not made up his mind about the role of minorities in the party," Mr Vernon Jordan, a prominent black leader and former head of the National Urban League, said.

Mr Bush hopes to duplicate President Reagan's success in 1980 and 1984 in capturing ethnic support. "I've sent a signal that I want a vote from people in these ethnic communities who believe in the same things I do in terms of the importance of neighbourhood, family, face and these things," he declared.

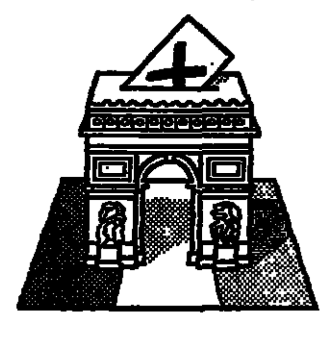
The Vice-President concentrated his Pennsylvania campaign in economically depressed areas to the west of the state, telling somewhat phlegmatic crowds of unemployed people that "we cannot simply discard good hard-working men and women." He told the Greater Pittsburg Chamber of Commerce at a packed luncheon: "They need us. We need them." As voting booths opened across Pennsylvania yesterday, Mr Dukakis and the Reverend Jesse Jackson sparred gently over how each would handle a terrorism crisis as President. Monday was a day of total muddle in the Jackson camp as he summoned a string of press conferences, issued several press releases as "clarification", and yet continually contradicted himself on the question of negotiations and concessions. Mr Dukakis, in the new kid gloves spirit between the Democratic rivals, would not be drawn into saying anything critical about Mr Jackson's position, whatever that was.

● **WASHINGTON:** The Rev Jackson told State Department officials yesterday that South Africa should be treated as a terrorist nation for backing Mozambique rebels.

Washington (Reuter) – The US Supreme Court has caused uproar among civil rights groups by deciding to reconsider one of its most important civil rights rulings, which gave blacks equality with whites in jobs and other private activities. In a 5-4 vote it said it would consider overturning its 1976 decision prohibiting racial discrimination in all private contracts.

Mitterrand moves battleground to conservative centre

From Philip Jacobson, Paris



The push for victory in the second round of the French presidential election began in earnest yesterday with both contenders staking out the ground on which they will seek crucial new support.

In a speech to a rally in Guadeloupe in the French Antilles, President Mitterrand set his cap at the moderate conservative centre, expressing the hope that "no responsible candidate" would consider an alliance with the National Front party of M Jean-Marie Le Pen.

The agenda for his rival, M Jacques Chirac, the Prime Minister, began with a strategy session in Paris and was followed by an address to the combined parliamentary forces of the mainstream conservative factions.

After the unpleasant surprise he received from first-round voters on Sunday, the watchword in the Chirac camp is said to be "act fast and involve everybody".

The thrust of M Mitterrand's message from the Caribbean yesterday was aimed at supporters of M Raymond Barre, the defeated centre candidate. Although M Barre has asked his supporters to back the Prime Minister on May 8, a significant proportion are thought to find the idea of M Chirac wooing M Le Pen's jubilant followers hard to stomach.

M Chirac's observation on television on Monday that he "understood" why almost 15 per cent of the French electorate had been won over by the National Front's campaign will certainly have strengthened that concern. M Mitterrand, in expressing the hope that no presidential candidate would enlist support from the extreme right, was sending M Barre's supporters a personal invitation to switch to him. Could that mean that, despite the apparently favourable voting arithmetic for the run-off – first polls suggest he will romp home with 53 to 55 per cent – *le Sphinx* is becoming rattled?

On the long flight yesterday to the Antilles, the President made it clear to journalists that he was worried about complacency setting in among supporters. "It's going to be closer than the polls are saying," he insisted. "I certainly won't complain about getting 51 per cent."

While M Chirac is itching for their television confrontation tomorrow night, the President appears to have reservations. "I've got more to lose than Chirac, because he likes this sort of thing and I don't," he observed.

On the other hand, M Mitterrand claims to doubt the significance of the event he describes as a "circus game". His immediate predecessor, M Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, may talk about picking up an extra half-million votes after a strong performance during the 1974 campaign, but the incumbent President begged to differ, shaping the figure nought with his fingers.

Elsewhere on the political front, the Le Pen factor continued to make most of the headlines. With the detailed breakdown of Sunday's voting now available, it is clear that *le grand perturbateur* made important advances outside the National Front's traditional strongholds in the racially troubled big cities of the south.

Though M Le Pen did well in Marseilles, Nice, Cannes and Toulon, he can draw even greater satisfaction from unexpected successes in such traditionally centre-right regions as Alsace, where he outscored both M Chirac and M Barre.

Paris was another happy hunting ground for M Le Pen, with his share of the vote running between 15 and 20 per cent. Confirmation of his appeal to angry, fearful and dispossesed protest voters came with the figure from former Communist fiefdoms north of Paris.

Oddly enough for the son of a Breton fisherman, M Le Pen did not prosper in that economically hard-pressed region. In Rennes, he was pushed into fourth place, though still more than doubling the combined score of the hard left.

M Barre, whose public and pointed close-of-poll criticism of the National Front's "racism and xenophobia" did not endear him to the Chirac camp, may be out of the race, but his 16.5 per cent of the votes keeps him very much in the spotlight. A cartoon in yesterday's *Libération* showed his rounded figure strolling alongside a rather worried looking M Chirac. Close behind them came a ghostly pair of jackboots. "Don't turn round," he warns the Prime Minister, "YOU are being followed."

Retrieving bricks in the Wall

East Germans, working in West Berlin territory under the scrutiny of a border guard, remove stones of the old Berlin Wall, which broke down on Monday. Their watchful guard keeps his vigil from the new concrete wall. Meanwhile, early yesterday, two East Germans used a ladder to get over the Wall to the West, and border guards only noticed their escape an hour after they had gone (Reuter reports). A spokesman said the two 21-year-olds, a bricklayer and a tiler from Jena in the south of East Germany, told officials they fled to the West because their applications to leave legally had been rejected.

Kanaks clash with loyalists

From Christopher Morris, Sydney

Violence in the troubled Pacific territory of New Caledonia took an ominous turn yesterday with direct clashes between Kanak rebels and French loyalists. At the same time, fighting came within six miles of the capital, Noumea, arousing fears for the safety of the many foreign tourists still on the islands.

So far, 8,000 French soldiers and gendarmes have failed to restore order since last weekend's local elections, or to find the 16 gendarmes still being held hostage on the coral atoll of Ouvéa. They were captured four days ago after Kanaks overran the police barracks, hacking three gendarmes to death. A fourth gendarme died in hospital after being flown to Sydney.

Throughout the day, there was fighting between heavily-armed and hooded Kanak separatists and loyalists who have formed vigilante groups. These are the clashes the French Government fears the most, since they could lead to prolonged civil strife in New Caledonia.

M Bernard Pons, the French Minister for Overseas Territories, who has been sent to the islands to direct operations to free the hostages, has ordered security forces to to take a tough line with the kidnappers. "I have given instructions that all those who attack the armed forces or commit acts of violence are to be neutralized," he said.

The leader of the pro-independence Kanak Socialist National Liberation Front (FLNKS) has called M Pons's statement "a declaration of colonial war" and has warned that the separatists will continue what he called their "mobilization".

The FLNKS, which has claimed responsibility for the recent murders and hostage taking, is divided into several factions, including the hard-line United Kanak Liberation Front, led by Mr Yann-Celene Uregei.

Mr Uregei is the chief pro-Libyan activist in the South Pacific and many of the Front's militant groups have received training in Libya in recent years.

The whereabouts of the 16 hostages remains a mystery, but they are reported to have been split into small groups to avoid detection by the French forces. They are said to be safe and unharmed.

Military reinforcements have been flown to Ouvéa to hunt the kidnappers and they are being led by a 20-man elite anti-terrorist squad sent from Paris on the instructions of the French Government.

● **NOUMEA:** About 30 civilians were airlifted from the embattled eastern town of Canala yesterday. Another 100 civilians have taken refuge in the police station (AFP reports).

Melanesian snipers were reported to be firing randomly in the town, where telephone links and the electricity supply have been cut.

US remains 'nation at risk' from poor school results

From Michael Binyon, Washington

Five years after authorities produced a chilling report on the catastrophic decline of standards in American education, President Reagan yesterday received a follow-up report which said the corner had been turned.

The Secretary of Education, Mr William Bennett, told the President that although some schools had been rescued from the brink, many were not doing well enough and improvements were still "disappointingly slow".

American education had made some undeniable progress in the past few years, the report said. The precipitous slide of previous decades had been arrested and authorities had begun the long climb back to reasonable standards."

But the country was not doing well enough. "We are still at risk," Mr Bennett said, referring to the 1983 report, *A Nation at Risk*.

That report led to many education reforms, including a stiffening of school-leaving requirements, changes in the curriculum and the introduction of legislation to improve teaching standards and school leadership. Many states are now setting competence tests for teachers and are rewarding good teaching with extra pay.

America has been shaken by studies that show the huge gap between achievement in Japanese schools and the abysmal record of ignorance, violence and vandalism in many American inner-city schools.

Education has become a big election issue, with Vice-President George Bush making improvements a priority for a future Republican administration.

Mr Bennett is an outspoken conservative who campaigned strongly for reforms similar to those favoured by the Thatcher Government: a core curriculum, school vouchers and parental choice.

In his report he said: "The absolute level at which our improvements are taking place is unacceptably low. Too many students do not graduate from our high schools, and too many of those who do graduate have been poorly educated. Our students know too little, and their command of essential skills is too slight."

The report, however, has found that blacks and Hispanics perform better in college-entrance examinations. Standards in English, mathematics and science have risen slightly. The high rate of functional illiteracy is coming down, and "magnet schools" have shown great success in attracting and keeping inner-city pupils. The report denounced "cafeteria" high school curricula.

Following the road to a yellow-brick Babylon

From Paul Vallely Baghdad

"I am Nebuchadnezzar," ran the inscription on the stela. "I am he who built the Street of the Great Procession, who built the Street of the Forgotten Son, who built the street of Nebu and paved it with shimmering stones ..." Ramadan, the guide – appropriately named for the season – broke off from his translation of the Arabic version of the ancient Babylonian script. His features, dark and wrinkled as a pickled walnut, creased themselves still further into what passed for a smile. "Now they are repeating it." Repeating was Ramadan's word for restoring, though after I toured the site of this ancient civilization I came to regard the old Iraqi's choice of word as gruesomely appropriate. They are rebuilding Babylon. They are not making good the extant walls or lines of buildings or making the best of what remains. They are building Nebuchadnezzar's fabled city again in bright yellow brick. And in places which they consider particularly dramatic, they are painting it deep blue.

An hour's drive south-west of Baghdad lies the huge area of mounds which mark out where this legendary city stood from the rule of Sargon, founder of the Akkad dynasty in 2334 BC, to its destruction at the end of the Chaldean dynasty several centuries before the birth of Christ.

"Come," said Ramadan. "let us see the Repeating."

We entered the city through a tall blue-brick gate, with horses and tigers raised in white and yellow from the brickwork. The first courtyard had large panels set in the walls on which had been painted highly romantic accounts, in an unmistakeably modern Arab hand, of scenes from old Mesopotamian life.

But inside the museum were fragments of stelae from the time of Hammurabi, one of the most ancient kings, recording, in tiny, delicately chiselled script, a comprehensive code of law to establish justice throughout the four quarters of the world and protect the weak from the strong.

Outside, the Street of the Great Procession stretched before us, a long surface paved with ancient flags of baked mud. It had been fenced off. "No, no, that is old," said Ramadan dragging me away to the Repeating.

The building work was extensive. It had cost many millions, Ramadan said proudly. President Saddam Hussein of Iraq had paid for it so Babylon could be the site for a festival of music and dance last September. There was to be another this year and work was proceding apace to match last year's achievement.

The industry was everywhere. In the distance a dozen huge road-grading machines were flattening the antique landscape to make way for the grand new work. Bright new city walls, 20 ft high, were being erected on top of the old mud bricks which protruded only three or four feet above the ground. Huge, 40 ft high arches, were being constructed by hundreds of black workmen. "They are Sudanese," Ramadan explained with a toothy grin. "All young Iraqi men are at the war." The Sudanese worked steadily, piling bags of cement and stacks of bricks from dumper trucks. Bulldozers shovelled earth, which a conveyor belt carried away across a labyrinth of small new walls which looked like the foundations for an estate of maisonettes for first-time buyers.

Next, said Ramadan, they would repeat the Hanging Gardens of Babylon. I asked about rebuilding that greatest *folie de grandeur*, the Tower of Babel, which legend has it also stood here. Ramadan was not sure about that.

In the distance, in the shelter of a row of stout palm trees, were the old earthworks. The shapes of creatures of fable were still discernible, raised from a pattern of bricks.

Elsewhere walls had cracked, sagged or toppled. In places the bricks had compacted back into solid banks of mud, like the ones from which they must once have been dug.

"This is old," said Ramadan, with an increasingly impatient finality. "Come and see the new temple." He hurried me from the crumbling half-shapes which soon will disappear forever beneath the sands or the bulldozer, and moved towards the Walt Disney splendour of the Repeating.

We crossed a spoil heap of unwanted earth, shovelled to one side by the workmen. It was studded with shards of Babylonian pottery. I pulled one from the soil.

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Tension builds up as troop withdrawal approaches

Russians moving to block Mujahidin pressure on Kabul

From Michael Hamlyn, Delhi

Russian troops in Afghanistan are moving to prevent a serious threat to Kabul from Mujahidin guerrillas preparing to harrass the Soviet withdrawal.

According to Western diplomats in Kabul, long convoys of Russian troops have moved into the Logar valley south of the city, and are deploying along the roads. A diplomat in Delhi said yesterday: "The Soviets need to keep open the Kabul to Ghazni road and to stop the Mujahidin build-up south of Kabul, which might lead to earlier pressure on the capital than they are prepared to accept."

Another diplomat reported that the Russian troops have now moved into the hills, to confront the guerrillas who have been assembling there for some months.

Mujahidin activity in Logar province has been intense recently, with the assassination of a newly elected MP in the provincial capital of Pul-i-Alam on April 16, and a rocket attack on the town from three sides the next day. Three Afghan Army posts were overrun the day after.

Elsewhere in the country, the Russian policy of pulling back from distant provinces and concentrating their troops before the withdrawal is reported to be continuing, with withdrawals from the three eastern provinces of Paktia, Nangarhar and Paktika.

Heavy fighting is again reported around the border town of Khost.

The Russians are reported to be pulling out of Zabol province, which lies astride the continuation of the Kabul-Ghazni road to Kandahar.

In Kandahar there will clearly be acute problems for the Government after a withdrawal. The Mujahidin are already reported to be fighting within the city and Pakistan's consulate was badly damaged in a rocket attack aimed at the TV and radio station.

Diplomats say that the tempo of the resupply of the Afghans by the Russians continues to increase, with 12 flights into Kabul airport last Tuesday. Six of the heavy transport planes were carrying military supplies. The cargoes were immediately reloaded into Afghan Air Force planes which left the same day.

Convoys of trucks have also been observed taking supplies back north. One convoy was seen by diplomats last Friday entering the large Soviet base north of the Kabul airport. The 60 lorries were carrying ammunition, damaged vehicles, fuel drums, and pieces of prefabricated buildings, the material consistent with dismantling a security post.

On the political front, President Najibullah has been giving figures for the composition of the new Parliament after the recent, highly suspect elections.

According to the President, 48 per cent of the seats were taken by a combination of communist front organizations, including the Workers' Revolutionary Organization, the Peasants' Justice Party, and the Islamic Party. Another 38 per cent were taken by the umbrella organization, the National Front, and only 27 per cent by the ruling communist People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan. Another 7 per cent were held by trade unions, the youth organization and women's groups.

Neither the President nor official newspapers explained how this allocation came to total more than 100 per cent.

The President indicated that the first session of Parliament would take place after Ramadan ends on May 17, which would also be after the Russian withdrawal begins. At that time there would be elections for a new Prime Minister, and diplomats suggest that this would be the opportunity to remove Mr Sultan Ali Keshtmand.

Kabul (Reuter) — President Najibullah staged a show of strength here yesterday, displaying the latest Soviet tanks and weaponry in a huge parade which marked the 10th anniversary of the Communist takeover in Afghanistan.

An Afghan woman closing her eyes in contempt as she passes a Soviet checkpoint in Kabul.

Mulroney poll hopes hinge on visit to US

From John Best, Ottawa

Mr Brian Mulroney, the Prime Minister of Canada, goes to Washington today for a two-day visit that could affect vitally the outcome of the Canadian general election, widely expected later this year.

Two key issues will dominate Mr Mulroney's talks with President Reagan and US congressional leaders: acid rain and free trade between Canada and the United States.

Both are controversial issues in Canada, though not in the US, and unless handled deftly, could turn into political minefields for the Conservative Prime Minister.

Mr Mulroney has been criticized and ridiculed for his Government's failure to persuade America to act decisively to reduce sulphur dioxide emissions from US industry that fall on Canada as acid rain. Thousands of Canadian rivers and forests have been contaminated.

Mr Mulroney is particularly vulnerable to criticism because of the vast amount of political capital that he has invested in his personal relationship with President Reagan.

His aides often speak — perhaps unaware of the unfortunate pun in the context of environmental issues — about the special "chemistry" between the two leaders. If it is so special, say the Prime Minister's opponents, why has it not produced more than a limited US commitment to experiments in pollution-control technology?

At a press briefing here, aides to Mr Mulroney emphasized that the absolute minimum Canada wants from the Reagan Administration is a commitment to "targeted, scheduled reductions" in airborne pollution. But they conceded that they did not anticipate any breakthrough in the Washington talks.

Mr Mulroney is on firmer ground with the free-trade agreement, scheduled to take effect on January 1, 1989.

Although the deal, said to be the most extensive trade accord ever, enjoys fairly wide popular support in Canada, both opposition parties — the Liberals and the New Democrats — have vowed to fight it in the House of Commons. The required legislation is now being prepared in both countries.

Mr Mulroney and his officials will be seeking assurances that the Trade Bill now on its way through the US Congress — it was passed by the House of Representatives last week — does no harm to the Canada-US accord.

Unless the assurances are received, the free-trade issue could start to turn against Mr Mulroney's party if President Reagan does not carry out his threat to veto the protectionist legislation.

Another potentially troublesome issue which could find its way on to the Reagan-Mulroney agenda is Canada's proposed multi-billion-dollar purchase of a fleet of nuclear-powered submarines.

One of the two contenders for the contract, and rumoured to be the favourite, is the British-designed Trafalgar submarine.

Hong Kong critics fear 'muddle' of Chinese blueprint

From Stephen Leather
and Chris Pomery
Hong Kong

The six million inhabitants of Hong Kong will be told tomorrow what life under Communist rule has in store for them.

Chinese leaders are to publish the first draft of the Basic Law, the rules and regulations which will apply to the Crown Colony when it is handed back to Peking in 1997. The weighty documents have taken three years to compile and represent the deliberation of 23 Hong Kong and 35 mainland drafting committee members.

But critics of the Basic Law say it is muddled and unworkable. And they are unhappy at a Chinese proposal that Peking can appoint a nomination committee of 600 Hong Kong residents who will then choose the post-1997 legislature. The 10-chapter document reflects the work of each of five working sub-groups of the drafting committee. They are:

- ● The relationship between the Peking Government and the Special Administrative Region, as Hong Kong will be known after 1997;
- ● Basic rights and obligations of Hong Kong residents;
- ● The political system;
- ● The economic system;
- ● Education, science, technology, culture, sports and religion.

Much of what will be in the Basic Law has already been leaked, so that it will not come as a shock to the Hong Kong Chinese. The colony's Government has already ruled that there will be no direct polls until 1991 at the earliest. It has already been decided that the 9,000-strong British Army garrison will have pulled out of Hong Kong by 1997 and defence will be in the hands of the People's Liberation Army.

The Governor will be replaced by a Chinese chief executive, initially for five years. But there are still a lot of worrying gaps in the Basic Law.

English and Chinese will remain as the official languages, but there are no provisions yet on which will be the main tongue to be used in schools.

There is no provision in the Basic Law for the executive to be accountable to the legislature, which is causing some concern. And there is no provision for the legislature to veto or change budgets proposed by the executive.

There is already a flood of Hong Kong Chinese queueing up to emigrate to countries such as Australia, Canada and the United States. Last year those three countries issued 36,000 resettlement visas and, according to the US Consulate, almost 100,000 are awaiting their turn to leave.

Most of those wanting to go are the colony's affluent middle class, taking with them much needed management and technical skills, and billions of dollars.

The deputy secretary general of the Basic Law drafting committee, Mr Lu Ping, has predicted that those who have already emigrated will want to return to Hong Kong after they have read it.

In an attempt to win their trust, the Chinese and Hong Kong authorities have promised a five-month consultation period, backed by a HK$3 million (£204,500) advertising campaign, during which the public will be asked to give their views on the draft of the Basic Law. It will then be modified before being submitted to the National People's Congress for approval in 1990.

But informed lawyers, legislators and academics in the colony say that China is cutting back the degree of independence it will allow Hong Kong after the British withdrawal.

Local observers say that Peking officials have used the constitutional exercise to fudge some of the key promises outlined in the 1984 Sino-British agreement.

Many academics highlight the difficulties of meshing capitalist Hong Kong with communist China, while others indicate Peking's reluctance to allow the territory the "high degree of autonomy" it promised back in 1984. "The Basic Law has been very carefully designed," a prominent Hong Kong barrister claims. "It's been put together with a particular objective in mind, that utimately the will of China will permeate throughout all aspects, if not carry the day."

Observers note that Chinese officials form a majority on the drafting committee. Proponents of democracy in Hong Kong say mainland officials have worked closely with senior Hong Kong businessmen to produce a political structure favourable to Peking.

In its agreement with Britain in 1984, China promised Hong Kong a "legislature constituted by elections".

Local sources also claim that the Hong Kong Government has acceded to Peking's desire to "converge" local political reform with the still incomplete Basic Law.

Linking Hong Kong's common-law legal system and China's less-than-independent legal structure has caused further problems. China's legislature is required to interpret the laws that it enacts. Under Hong Kong's common-law system, only the courts can interpret the legislation.

The current draft does not list which of China's laws will apply to Hong Kong after 1997. Furthermore, Hong Kong's freedom to maintain its capitalist lifestyle is not written down anywhere in Chinese law.

Local commentators say that the slogan — "one country, two systems" — coined by Mr Deng Xiaoping, China's senior leader, can now be seen as a demand for loyalty, as well as a formula for reunification.

Bishop attacks 'anti-Catholic' Spain

From Harry Debelius, Madrid

Practising Roman Catholics are discriminated against in today's Socialist-led Spain, says the newly elected secretary of the Spanish Episcopal Council, who took over the influential church post last Thursday.

In an interview broadcast last Sunday on the government-run Radio Nacional, Mgr Augustin Garcia Gasco, aged 57, who is also the auxiliary Bishop of Madrid, said: "This reminds me of what I saw in Cuba some years ago. Anyone who identifies himself as a Catholic is a second- or third-class citizen.

"I think this is what is happening in Spain," he said. "We see it all the time, and it is the case of many people in our country. For instance, in public (state-run) communications media, certain persons have found themselves on the outside because they are members of the faithful."

The bishop said he knew of "specific cases in which persons are unable to occupy politically or socially important posts without declaring themselves to be nonbelievers or non-practising Catholics".

"This is a throwback to the past. Before, in Spain, anyone who wasn't a member of the 'old shirts' or 'blue shirts' (the fascist-rooted Falange, the only political party tolerated by the Franco regime), could not rise to any relevant position. Today, anyone who does not accept a certain ideology has a hard time," he said.

"The student who declares himself to be a Catholic before entering the university has the opportunity to study only sciences, but not liberal arts."

The bishop's broadside came at a time when the Socialist Government and the church are at odds about legislation and subsidies affecting church-run schools.

It also coincides with the beginning of a "church tax" scheme by which the church will have to finance itself with money generated by taxpayers who voluntarily indicate on their tax returns that they wish one half of 1 per cent of their income tax to be paid to the church. This will replace funds which were formerly budgeted by the Government.

The bishop was defined by Spanish editorial writers as a political moderate when he replaced the more progressive bishop, Mgr Fernando Sebastián, who was transferred by the Vatican to the post of Archbishop Coadjutor of Grenada. Bishop García Gasco claimed: "These are defects in a (democratic) process which we have initiated, and it is normal that there should be defects. When one is learning one always makes mistakes."

The bishop's attack drew surprisingly little reaction. No government spokesman replied, nor did the church hierarchy add one word.

Even the Roman Catholic daily, *Ya*, of Madrid refrained from commenting on Bishop García Gasco's opinions. Spain's most widely read newspaper, the independent left-wing *El País*, of Madrid, however, dedicated a leading article to the outspoken clergyman, calling his comments "outlandish" and "absurd".

"This man's aberrational remarks can only be the product of his own dimwittedness, but there is a danger that they might be interpreted as symptoms of a new policy," it said.

Recalling that the church benefits from certain tax exemptions and that the state collects and distributes the funds which maintain the church and its ministers, *El País* remarked: "It looks like citizen García Gasco needs a course in Vatican diplomacy."

The liberal Madrid daily, *Diario-16*, said in an editorial: "He should see an eye doctor."

Separatists' border setback

Eta loses £3.5 million cash

Bayonne (AP-Reuter) — A suspected member of the Basque separatist group, Eta, was arrested yesterday carrying £3.5 million worth of Spanish currency after a gun battle in which he and a French border policewoman were wounded.

Police sources said that José-Felix Perez Alonso, apparently noticed that he and a friend were being followed and opened fire.

In the exchange Señor Perez Alonso, aged 30, and a policewoman were both shot in the leg. The account was sketchy, but it appeared that Señor Perez Alonso's comrade, named as Ignacio Aguirre, somehow escaped.

The sources said that 725 million pesetas discovered in Señor Perez Alonso's possession was at first thought to have come from a ransom delivered in the Eta kidnapping of a Madrid businessman, Señor Emiliano Revilla. Eta is still holding him.

But police later discovered that the sum was far too large to be the ransom money and believe it had to be part of the guerrilla organization's secret funds, which Señor Perez-Alonso was moving to a new hiding place.

Spanish Interior Ministry sources in Madrid said they could not rule out that the money seized in Bayonne was the ransom money,

Spanish press reports said Eta asked a £3.75 million ransom for Señor Revilla's release. His relatives have consistently denied paying any money.

The sources in Bayonne said Señor Perez-Alonso was suspected of being the right-hand man of "Artapalo" Mugica-Garmendia, the leader of Eta's militant wing.

But in Madrid, the Interior Ministry sources said neither Señor Perez-Alonso nor a suspected guerrilla who escaped in yesterday's shoot-out were Eta leaders.

French police sources said Señor Perez-Alonso opened fire when border police in Bayonne tried to take him in for questioning after monitoring his movements for several days.

He shot the policewoman in the leg and wounded himself in the foot.

The sources in Madrid said Señor Perez-Alonso was wanted in Spain in connection with a sub-machine-gun attack on a bar, in which one person was wounded, and the bombing of several French car showrooms in the Spanish Basque country.

Spanish police had lost track of Señor Perez-Alonso after he escaped to France five years ago.

Eta (Homeland and Liberty) has been fighting for independence for the Basque region, made up of three-provinces in north-western Spain.

Italy fears poisoned grapefruit

Rome (Reuter) — Italy banned sales of grapefruit and ordered the seizure of all supplies yesterday after some fruit were found to have been poisoned in a campaign apparently aimed at Israeli exports.

Tests on grapefruit from a Rome supermarket showed that some had been injected with a powerful poison. A previously unknown group claimed responsibility.

Growing pains

Jakarta (Reuter) — A 7ft 7¾ins Indonesian, thought to be the world's tallest woman, will be operated on in an attempt to prevent her growing further. She has been unable to stand since 1977.

Envoy held

Sydney (AFP) — A Guatemalan diplomat who was charged with four other people over a conspiracy to import heroin worth more than £32 million was refused bail.

Oilfield blaze

Sao Paulo (Reuter) — A fire in Brazil's biggest oilfield, the Campos basin, has cut oil production by 10 per cent and could burn for weeks.

Frontier fence

Delhi (Reuter) — India is putting a fence along the border between Punjab and Pakistan to reduce infiltration by Sikh separatists.

School strike

Madrid (AP) — A teachers' pay strike shut Spanish schools. University teachers join the stoppage today.

Riot payment

Tegucigalpa (Reuter) — Honduras will pay for damage done to the US consulate during anti-American riots.

Correction

Mr Ryohei Murata is Japan's Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs, not Deputy Foreign Minister as stated yesterday.

Optimistic opposition unites to fight Pinochet in plebiscite

From Lake Sagaris
Santiago

President Pinochet of Chile has said he will be the ruling junta's sole candidate in a plebiscite to confirm his position, expected later this year.

General Pinochet, who has ruled Chile for 15 years, announced his candidacy in an improvised speech in the coastal city of Vina del Mar last Friday. But, in coverage of the speech by the Government-controlled national television channel and the Government newspaper *La Nación*, his comments were censored.

General Pinochet told 4,000 women volunteers that the military's Constitution provided for a plebiscite to see whether Chileans want the current military government to continue.

"That and nothing else is the question: if you want President Pinochet to carry on or not."

Technically, the Constitution calls for the four-man military junta to nominate a candidate for President of Chile, who will then be accepted or rejected in a plebiscite expected toward the end of this year.

Chile's opposition leaders are bursting with public optimism. Fourteen normally fractious parties have united behind the strategy of voting "no"; the only party likely to support General Pinochet has just split; and even the junta has seemed divided over who to nominate as the sole candidate.

“Right now, the general is defeated and can't win. He's doing badly”

But, privately, some opposition leaders are concerned that Chile may be headed for a bloody "self-coup", in which General Pinochet could decide to suspend the plebiscite or continue as president regardless of the results.

The entire opposition, except Chile's influential Communist Party, has united behind the "Command for the No Vote" and the "Party for Democracy" to organize door-to-door campaigns to convince people to register now and vote no when the plebiscite is called.

They are also struggling to recruit and train the 200,000 volunteers they need to scrutineer during the vote. And four different groups of computer experts are developing a system for publishing the final count before official figures are available, to prevent meddling.

Morale among campaign organizers is as high now as it was low six months ago when they started.

"The Government is spending $45 (£24) for every dollar we spend on our campaign," said Señor Genaro Arriagada, the political scientist who heads the Command for the No Vote.

"Nevertheless, our campaign is on the rise and the Government's is doing very badly. Right now, Pinochet can't win the plebiscite. He's defeated today, which doesn't mean he doesn't have resources, but does mean he's doing badly. "There are three kinds of fraud which could win the plebiscite for General Pinochet," said Señor Arriagada. "The first is to have few people registered to vote, with the majority of those registered being his supporters. That's failed. The second is environmental, especially control of information available to the public. That's our main battle now. The third could take place on the day itself."

An unexpected increase in registration has fed opposition optimism. It topped five million in March and many now believe a record number of Chile's potential eight million voters will be registered before the plebiscite is called.

Polling results by the pollsters Diagnos, among others, indicate that around 18 per cent would vote "yes" to General Pinochet and 45 per cent "no", directly contradicting those of Gallup Chile, which reports that 39 per cent would favour the general and only 26 per cent oppose him.

"The problem is that when you have an electoral event, you usually know when the election will be, who the candidate will be and who the candidate's opponent(s) will be," Señor Hugo Rivas of Diagnos explained, diplomatically. "But right now in Chile we don't know any of these things."

Señor Augusto Noseda, a former Gallup director, told a marketing magazine that he and two others quit Gallup because of its "lack of professionalism".

Comments by two junta members, Air Force General Fernando Matthei and Admiral José Merino, have convinced many opposition strategists that the junta is not united behind General Pinochet. But both have publicly differed with General Pinochet in the past, only to swallow their comments after a particularly aggressive sally by the general, their commander-in-chief.

The opposition is also delighted by a serious split within the newly formed National Renovation (RN) Party, which was to have been General Pinochet's main civilian support. An uneasy alliance between its two main factions, the National Work Front (FNT) and the Independent Union of Democrats (UDI) erupted when they held their first internal elections this month.

The key issue in the split seems to have been the UDI's insistence that National Renovation immediately endorse and campaign for General Pinochet, rather than a civilian candidate.

During the no-holds-barred inter-faction battle, Chileans were treated to the sight of supporters of the military regime accusing each other of kidnappings, beatings, lying, bribery, influence-peddling and improper use of state resources, particularly those belonging to municipalities.

UDI supporters picketed party polling stations with signs proclaiming fraud and demanding democratic elections, often using slogans borrowed from the military regime's democratic opposition. They are now predicting that 30,000 of their number will leave National Renovation.

“They're already giving away houses so people will vote for him”

There seems little doubt that if Chile were facing a democratically run plebiscite the opposition would have a winning edge. But while several new television programmes have interviewed two or three opposition leaders, access to television, which is where 80 per cent of Chileans get their information, is still severely limited.

And fear of reprisals is still an active component of most Chileans' thinking when they consider the plebiscite. Just an hour from Santiago, people in Putaendo village have registered to vote for fear of losing important social service benefits.

"They're already giving away houses and other 'gifts', so people will vote for Pinochet," one housewife told me. "And they say there are going to be secret cameras in polling booths, to make sure people vote the way they've promised."

This month, one region's military governor threatened to shoot "no" vote organizers after the voting.

The Command for the No Vote plan to thwart vote manipulation by announcing their own tally during the official count could easily be stymied by the Government simply assuming control of all radio and television broadcasts, a regular occurrence in Chile since the coup.

And General Pinochet May have one other card up his sleeve.

Father Renato Hevia, a Jesuit priest and editor of the Catholic monthly, *Mensaje*, said: "If Pinochet really believes he could lose the plebiscite, there simply won't be one."

Arson not ruled out as cause of Army depot fire

Arson had not been ruled out as the cause of the fire which swept through the Army storage depot at Donnington, Shropshire, yesterday, Mr Roger Freeman, Under Secretary of State for the Armed Forces, said in reply to questions in the Commons.

He resisted demands from Labour MPs to hold a public inquiry into the fire, the second at the depot in five years. He said that the normal procedure would be followed and that there would be an Army board of inquiry.

Mr Freeman said that yesterday, at about 11.30 am, a small, smouldering fire was discovered in one of the six larger buildings on the site, one of the Army's two main storage depots.

The building was evacuated and the fire extinguished. The Ministry of Defence police were called to investigate and after a full inspection of the building the workforce was readmitted at 1.30 pm.

At 3.30 pm, while ministry police were still present and taking statements, a second fire started in the upper part of a corner of the building and and on the opposite side. It took hold quickly.

"There was some asbestos element in the smoke because of the asbestos content of the roofing material. This was dispersed some five miles to the west of the fire. Wrekin District Council staff are dealing with this and I am advised that the danger to the public is slight."

The West Mercia police, assisted by the Ministry of Defence, were carrying out their normal inquiries into the circumstances of the fire.

The Army authorities would also be convening a board of inquiry to examine the cause and to consider what action was needed. The board would include an outside expert from the fire services inspectorate.

Mr Bruce Grocott (The Wrekin, Lab) said that for a fire of this magnitude to happen once in one's own constituency was disastrous. But for it to happen twice within five years was "quite without precedent and quite unbelievable".

The fire was of great concern to 4,000 of his constituents working in the MoD buildings and for everyone living in the surrounding area.

Could the minister say more about the dangers associated with the dust and debris that had spread over much of the northern part of Telford?

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Could he confirm that many of the safety recommendations made by the MoD inquiry after the first fire, particularly on the construction of fire barriers in the building, had not been carried out?

Many would find unacceptable the excuse given by one of the minister's officials, that safety measures had not been carried out "because there have been factors against us, such as time and money".

The minister should announce a public inquiry into the fire. "An internal MoD inquiry would be unacceptable to the House and to my constituents."

The public inquiry should address why the remedial work was not carried out after the first fire; the cause of the fire, particularly with the same factors at work as was the case with the previous fire; what were the asbestos hazards in the buildings for people working in them, and for people living in the area; what remedial work was necessary, particularly regarding removal of asbestos, to make the depot safe.

The asbestos hazards had been of concern to trade unions at the depot for many years.

Would the minister undertake to implement immediately and fully any safety recommendations made by the inquiry? Would he also ensure that full compensation was paid to anyone suffering direct or indirect consequences from the fire?

Would the local authorities be fully funded for the costs involved?

His constituents were entitled to action — now.

Mr Freeman said safety, and danger to the public, were mainly for Wrekin District Council, but he had been advised that "there was no significant danger to the public".

The 1983 report had made 12 recommendations and all of them were agreed. He would make a summary of those recommednations available to MPs.

A summary had been given to trade unions at the time.

On the call for an independent public inquiry, "we shall follow the procedures followed by all governments in setting up a military inquiry. It will include independent experts." The conclusions would be communicated promptly, fairly and accurately to the House and to everyone concerned and affected.

Those who had been adversely affected and could show that their financial losses were directly due to the incident, would have their claims considered.

He would draw to the attention of the military inquiry the points that Mr Grocott wanted considered.

Mr John Biffen (North Shropshire, C) asked whether the board of inquiry would be able to consider whether were was any indication that arson might have been the cause.

Mr Freeman said that he could give the assurance sought by Mr Biffen. "We have certainly not ruled out arson as the cause of the latest fire."

There were two separate instances yesterday and the investigations of the West Mercia police as well as the Ministry of Defence police would be concentrating specifically on the point mentioned.

Mr James Wallace, SLD spokesman on defence, wanted to know how many of the recommendations of the report into the first fire had not been implemented and why.

Mr Freeman said all the recommendations of the inquiry had been accepted in full. Certain short-term measures had been implemented immediately.

It was as a result of one of these measures — moving strategic items into two separate locations — that the latest fire had not affected the operational readiness of the Army.

An immediate start had also been made on the longer-term measures.

The building destroyed in 1983 had been replaced by a modern building. The other buildings took time to replace and the building where the latest fire had taken place was the next one due to be cleared of all stock and modernized.

Mr Denzil Davies, chief Opposition spokesman on defence, said that the minister had not been as frank as he should have been. How many of the 1983 recommendations had been carried out and how many had not?

The minister should reconsider having a public inquiry because this involved not only the Ministry of Defence and its employees but also people living in the area.

Mr Freeman said that he rebutted the charge that he had not been frank with the House. The 1983 report had made 12 recommendations and all had been accepted.

Regarding a public inquiry, he found the implications of Mr Davies's comments unacceptable — that the Army somehow had something to hide and did not wish to consult the various bodies which he was sure had much to offer.

Is there still room in the Conservative Party for the nobility, the gentry and the middle classes now that the so-called working class is supporting the party and the Government? The question from *Mr John Stokes* (Halesowen and Stourbridge, C) (above) brought Prime Minister's question time in the Commons to a halt in laughter from all sides. *Mr Stokes:* Did she happen to read the remarkable speech the other day by Mr Norman Tebbit, in which he praises the part which the so-called working class now play in supporting the Government — and we all agree on that. For avoidance of doubt, will she confirm that there is still room in the Government and the Conservative Party for the nobility, the gentry and the middle classes? *Mrs Thatcher:* I think Mr Stokes is just about the only person who could ask that and I wish to goodness we had more like him.

Thatcher refuses to be drawn on possible benefit changes

The Prime Minister declined to be drawn at question time on whether the Government proposed to make changes in the new social security benefit arrangements.

She was pressed by **Mr Neil Kinnock**, Leader of the Opposition, on behalf of the "whole humane instinct of the people in this country" to amend the social security regulations and restore housing benefit to help with rates.

Mrs Thatcher said that the system had been badly in need of reform and that the substantial structure would, of course, stay.

Mr Kinnock began the exchanges by saying that two weeks ago he had asked if she would amend the social security regulations to restore housing benefit to help with rates. She had then replied: "No, sir". Today, he asked her the same question. Did she give the same answer?

Mrs Thatcher: We are spending far more on housing benefit than ever was the case during the life of the last Labour Government. We have reformed the fundamental structure.

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Mr Kinnock: Why is the Prime Minister unable to answer the question? She knows she has been wrong. She knows she has done wrong. Why does she stand on her own dignity instead of doing what she can to help others to maintain their dignity?

Mrs Thatcher: We do not stand on dignity. We provide more resources, more cash because the economy run by this Government has enabled us to provide more resources for housing benefit, more on social security reform, more for the health service.

Mr Kinnock: Can I ask the Prime Minister for a considered answer? Will she now amend the housing benefit and social security regulations?

Mrs Thatcher: The system was badly in need of reform. The substantial structure will, of course, stay (loud Labour laughter and cheers).

Mr Harry Cohen (Leyton, Lab) asked the Prime Minister to consider the case of a "lollipop lady" in his constituency, who lives in a maisonette with her husband, young daughter and two teenage sons and would be faced with an extra bill for poll tax of £1,138 a year. "Can it be stopped or will the Government's poll-tax juggernaut run down my lollipop lady?"

Mrs Thatcher: If they have a community charge of that description, they must have an extravagant local authority (laughter). That is partly the trouble.

Left-wing local authorities put up rent and rates and the taxpayer cannot afford it. Perhaps that lollipop lady and many others will remember that the amount spent on social security, on health in particular, and pensions, has vastly increased beyond anything contemplated eight years ago.

Mr Ray Powell (Ogmore, Lab) asked whether the fact that Mrs Thatcher was not prepared to reply to Mr Kinnock meant that he and other Labour MPs had continually to badger the Government into realizing that changes were needed in social security.

Will she answer my straightforward question, as she failed to answer Mr Kinnock? Are there to be any changes to housing benefits in the new proposals for social security?

Labour MPs: Say yes.

Mrs Thatcher: I answer as I answered Mr Kinnock, that this year £46 billion is being spent on social security, far in excess of anything contemplated seven or eight years ago, and there are more pensioners and the eligibility of disabled people has been increased.

Mr Rhodri Morgan (Cardiff West, Lab) asked for Mrs Thatcher's assistance in advising a woman of 76 in his constituency who, as a result of social security changes, would receive, in housing benefit, £11 less a week.

Mrs Thatcher: It is not possible to deal with individual cases. Whenever I try to do so, I find that there are material things which have not been fully dealt with in the question.

Worry over Ireland speech

Mrs Thatcher is seeking reassurance that the weekend speech by Mr Charles Haughey, Prime Minister of the Irish Republic, does not mean that the Irish Government is backing away from its responsibilities, she said at question time, amid Labour protests.

Mr Michael Mates (East Hampshire, C): Is it not unhelpful for the Irish Prime Minister to make such a savage attack on British Government policies as he did at the weekend. It was irresponsible in particular to have advocated a unitary state in Ireland when his own Government so recently put their names to a document forswearing that until a majority there wanted it to happen.

Mrs Thatcher: Yes. I agree with him. The highest priority must be the defeat of terrorism. We shall continue to press for that and to seek reassurance from the Irish Government that that speech does not mean that they are backing away from their responsibilities.

US 'army of occupation'

American forces in Britain were described as "an army of occupation" by Mr **Jeremy Corbyn** *(Islington North, Lab)* during defence questions. He said that it was time for these forces to leave.

Mr Ian Stewart, Minister of State for the Armed Forces, said that there were usually about 30,000 United States Service personnel in the UK. The Government made available 66 bases and facilities for US forces.

Mr Corbyn had said that a CND publication put the total number of bases at 157, but that organization tended to be misleading and inaccurate and it sounded as if this latest example was no exception.

Trident costs 'are lower'

There has been a reduction of £376 million in the latest estimate of the cost of the Trident nuclear submarine system, Mr George Younger, Secretary of State for Defence, said during questions.

Mr Max Madden (Bradford West, Lab) said that there was a widespread suspicion that the Government was concealing the true cost of the system and many people believed that it was now running at £11,000 million, the equivalent of £33,000 a day for the next 1,000 years.

Hopes for more nurses

The pay award to nurses meant that more could be recruited where there were shortages in areas such as paediatric units and intensive care, **Mrs Thatcher** told MPs at question time.

Poll tax Bill

The Local Government Finance Bill, the measure for introducing the community charge, was given its formal first reading in the House of Lords.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Questions: Scotland. Debate on Opposition motion on housing benefit changes. Licensing Bill, Lords amendments. British Railways (No 2) Bill, second reading.
Lords (2.30): Debates on public health and on the BBC.

Brittan criticizes ferry 'blockade'

The worsening P&O dispute was raised at Prime Minister's questions and during points of order.

It was unacceptable that picketing should turn to a blockade, **Mr Leon Brittan** (Richmond, Yorks, C) told the Prime Minister during question time. **Mrs Thatcher** agreed that the only right to picket was a right to do so peacefully.

Mr Brittan added: Will she make clear that those who want to go to work have a right to do so and will be protected from violence and intimidation.

Mrs Thatcher: Any violence is a criminal matter and people who resort to it must expect to be dealt with accordingly.

Later, **Mr Eric Heffer** (Liverpool, Walton, Lab), raising a point of order, asked if the **Speaker** had had any indication that the issue of the dispute was to be raised in a statement to the House on Wednesday.

"It could be that the lives of many citizens of this country will be put at risk because they could be sailing in ships which are not properly manned and which are not covered by agreed trade union agreements. That could lead to a very difficult situation."

The Speaker, Mr Bernard Weatherill, said that he had received no request for such a statement, but what had been said would have been heard by the Government front bench.

Mr David Shaw (Dover, C) said that if there was to be a statement, he hoped that it would not be obfuscated by false statements from the Opposition front bench.

Scottish housing Bill

Security pledge for widows

The Government announced concessions during the report stage of the Housing (Scotland) Bill to reassure widows and widowers that they cannot be evicted if their spouse dies.

Lord Sanderson of Bowden, Minister of State, Scottish Office, announced that the Government will be bringing forward a series of amendments at the Bill's report stage after consultation on the rights of future housing association tenants in Scotland.

He said these will include providing tenants under assured tenancies with a written statement setting out the conditions of the tenancy.

He added that that would provide a framework for all discussions about rights and ensure that the both the landlord and tenant were clear about their respective responsibilities.

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"We shall also bring forward at report stage amendments which will give the spouse of a tenant who dies the right to continue an assured tenancy.

"We have been impressed by arguments that this is a right of such importance that it needs to be incorporated in statute rather than left to contractual arrangements between landlords and tenants."

Although housing associations and landlords generally were not likely to try to evict widows and widowers, even the remote possibility was likely to prove upsetting to someone whose spouse had died or was near death.

"We do not wish to deprive widows or widowers of peace of mind about their housing.

"This is a humanitarian question rather than a matter of the strict logic of the landlord-tenant relationship."

The Bill did not affect the right of existing housing association tenants at all, but only those who become tenants after it takes effect.

He said that the Government had already made concessions in the Bill so that existing tenants who moved from one home to another owned by the same housing association could keep their existing tenancy rights.

It had already made changes to the Bill so that the security of tenure provisions for assured tenancies were similar to those for existing housing association tenants.

Education 'cannot be centralized'

There is no way in which the Department of Education and Science could administer the entire educational system, **Mrs Thatcher** said during question time.

Mr Hal Miller (Bromsgrove, C) asked: Now that the Local Government Finance Bill, the flagship of our programme — (laughter) — has been navigated safely through this House; now that we have the national curriculum, national tests and funding centrally of schools which opt out of the system, will she look again at the possibility of central financing of education?

Mrs Thatcher: That would mean wholly central control of education and there is no way in which the Department of Education and Science could administer the entire educational system. No way at all.

She did not think that it could or should happen, she added.

Mr David Steel, joint leader of the SLD, said that as the Speaker had certified that the Local Government Finance Bill was not a money Bill, the Lords would be entirely within their rights to improve the Bill.

The more the public understood it, the more unacceptable it had become and the Lords would be doing a public service in sending the whole Bill back to the Commons.

Mrs Thatcher said that that was not for her, but for the House of Lords and the Speaker. They had rules which must govern the decisions.

She disagreed with Mr Steel, and the more people genuinely understood the Bill, the more they saw community charge to be fairer than rates.

Royal Ascot first in priorities list

By Sheila Gunn
Political Staff

If the House of Lords votes against the flat-rate poll tax one thing is certain: Lord "Bertie" Denham, the Government Chief Whip, will do his best to make sure that it is not at 4pm on a Monday in the third week of June.

Such timing could be disastrous from his viewpoint, on four counts: Monday is never an easy day to entice peers from distant haunts; the "City" vote can not be relied on before 5pm; and during that week he must compete with both Royal Ascot and the West Indians' tour.

Racing and cricket apart, Conservative peers may also be enticed away by other diversions in June and July, such as Wimbledon, Glorious Goodwood and, to a lesser extent nowadays, Henley.

In addition, crucial votes early in the afternoon are nerve-racking, unpredictable affairs for the Conservative whips when there are royal garden parties up the road.

That the fate of the flagship of the Government's legislation, the poll tax, may lie with the time and date of a particular vote is an accepted irony in the upper chamber.

It is an issue that is normally regulated "through the usual channels". In layman's terms, that means the whips of all parties get together and negotiate when the most important amendments come up and how long the House will sit.

Lord Denham: All a matter of careful timing

There is always a slight air of tension among the whips when an important vote takes place after 7.30pm, the dinner hour, when many peers from all benches start to drift away. In a predominantly elderly and unpaid House, late sittings are unpopular and late divisions rarely muster more than 100 votes.

Thursday evenings are another vulnerable time, particularly for Opposition whips, because peers living out of town like to get home at a reasonable time. Wednesdays, on the other hand, are normally devoted to debates instead of revising important Bills and votes are rare.

Ridley makes creative accounting concessions

The following report of the Commons debate on the report stage of the Local Government Finance Bill appeared in later editions yesterday.

Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Environment, announced important concessions to local authorities in a revision of measures introduced on March 9 in his war against barter deals and creative accounting.

The announcement during the debate was welcomed by **Dr John Cunningham**, Opposition spokesman on the environment. He said that it was a "massive climbdown". The Bill was later read the third time by 322 votes to 259 — Government majority, 63.

Mr Ridley said that his intention had been merely to bring barter deals within the local authority capital control system, not to stop them. The deals had been used by local authorities, which had kept them off their books, as a means of avoiding Government capital controls.

His concessions were to deal with the many schemes already in train on March 9, and he would consider additional capital allocations [allowing the use of additional capital] where, for example, sites had already been acquired or tenants rehoused.

His second criterion for additional capital allocation would be the extent to which the scheme was designed neither to increase the stock of physical assets over which the local authority had effective control nor to raise money on the security of the authority's assets.

Mr Ridley, moving the first of a group of Government new clauses, later agreed to, said that these measures, which were merely a stop-gap until there was time to consult, did not prevent barter or lease and leaseback from being used, but they did bring such transactions within the spending limits laid down.

Since his announcement on March 9, it had become clear that many schemes were in the pipeline where commitments had been made or expenditure had been incurred.

He had "two major relaxations" to announce.

First, on schemes in the pipeline. In his statement on March 9 he had said that he would consider issuing additional capital allocations where he was satisfied that the agreements were not entered into for the purpose of evading capital expenditure.

He would use two main criteria to deal with cases in the pipeline. First, the extent to which expenditure had already been incurred or commitments entered into. For example, sites might have been acquired or tenants rehoused.

Second, the extent to which the scheme was designed neither to increase the stock of physical assets over which the local authority had effective control nor to raise money on the security of the authority's assets.

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If local authorities had schemes which were in the pipeline on March 9 and if both the criteria he had just outlined were met, they should apply to his department for extra capital allocations.

The second big relaxation applied to barter deals only. The representations he had received since March 9 had persuaded him that the existing legislation and regulations were a particular constraint on in-and-out transactions — schemes where a principal asset was acquired so that another asset, or possibly the same asset, could be disposed of and where the disposal could happen only if the acquisition happened first.

They already had a limited back-to-back scheme under which additional allocations could be given to facilitate the acquisition of assets and their sale, such as might happen when a council used its powers to facilitate private sector developments.

He proposed to replace this scheme by an in-and-out scheme and additional allocations would be available for three classes of transaction. First, the exchange of land for land. Second, the replacement of existing assets held by the local authority by assets to be used for broadly similar purposes.

Third, schemes in which the main intention was to facilitate investment by the private sector in assets which, when the scheme was completed, would be owned, operated and controlled by the private sector.

Dr Cunningham said that this important statement was a massive climbdown from the one on March 9 which Mr Ridley had made, on his own admission, when he had not known what was going on.

"We have seen just how ill considered and wrong-headed that statement was." It had been a political statement, not motivated by any commonsense evidence or investigation of the circumstances.

Earlier, **Dr Cunningham** moved an Opposition amendment to delete from the Bill the section which, he said, would allow the Secretary of State for the Environment retrospectively to control, cap or reduce the poll tax of every local authority in England. It was rejected by 314 votes to 219 — Government majority, 95.

Mr Ian Lang, Minister of State, Scottish Office, moved the first of a series of amendments designed to bring the poll tax provisions in Scotland into line with the equivalent provisions in England. It was carried by 329 votes to 230 — Government majority 99.

Moving third reading, **Mr Ridley** said that the principle of the Bill had been challenged repeatedly, but no superior alternative had been found.

This Bill would usher in a new era. He believed that, in time, it would come to be seen as a watershed in terms of strengthening local democracy.

Dr Cunningham said that it must be the worst Bill introduced by any government in this country this century.

Sir Barney Hayhoe (Brentford and Isleworth, C) said that he would like to see this Bill dumped into the legislative dustbin.

The eleventh-hour concession on rebates had been an inadequate response to the widespread desire, and the party's earlier commitment, that the new tax should take account of ability to pay. The circumstances surrounding that concession left a nasty taste in one's mouth.

He could not recall any other important measure introduced by a Conservative government since Churchill was returned in 1951 which was as potentially damaging to the long-term interests of the Conservative Party.

He was sorry and ashamed that such a Bill should be introduced by a Conservative government. It was not a Conservative measure, but a product of what the media called Thatcherism.

Of course the Bill contained some useful provisions, but in his judgement they were insufficient to outweigh its fundamental flaws. He would vote against it.

Mr Jeff Rooker, an Opposition spokesman on the environment, said that the Government had lost the argument day in and day out, clause in and clause out, with different Conservative MPs voting against the Bill on different days.

"This Bill would not pass on a free vote or on a secret ballot.

"We do not want this Bill, even though it will damage the Government, to the point at which it will lose the next election."

The Bill would get a third reading, whatever the majority. "But I tell the front bench opposite: With this Bill we will bury you."

Mr Michael Howard, Minister for Local Government, said that almost everyone agreed that the present rating system could not continue.

"The status quo is not an option. Change is urgently required and it is only the Government which has had the courage to put to the people of this country specific proposals for change."

Only the community charge would ensure accountability, by ensuring that everyone would make a direct contribution towards the cost of local authority services.

Only such a charge would ensure that a standard level of service would cost the same in every local authority and only such a charge would ensure that an increase in services would be paid for by the people who would benefit.

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Heavenly twins in the ascendant

Long-haul jets with two engines could be a breakthrough for airlines and their passengers. But are they safe? **Brian James** joined a pioneering flight

Things are not as once they were for magnificent men in flying machines: Lindbergh never had to choose between quiche and lasagne after take-off, and Alcock and Brown were never likely to squabble over the running order for 15 in-flight movies. All these comforts and more were available to three pilots who have just given flying its newest "longest" and "fastest" records, and for the handful of us who were along to witness the deed.

The Boeing 767-200 ER (Extended Range) touching down on the tarmac of Mauritius had been airborne for 16 hours, 27 minutes, 25 seconds non-stop. No loaded commercial aircraft had been held longer aloft or carried a greater distance (in fact 8,726.83 miles) by a mere two engines.

We had left Halifax, Nova Scotia, two oceans, three meals, three continents, several time zones, seven of the available 15 films and two seas earlier: a committee of the Governor-General, Prime Minister and entire Cabinet were waiting with flowers, champagne and speeches.

The aircraft was then handed over to Air Mauritius. With its twin, which had made a more leisurely crossing a day earlier, this small airline now owns the two most modern developments of this marque . . . and the record; a welcome distinction for an island known previously in the annals of flight only for having done in the Dodo.

The serious point to this record flight was to ratchet a little higher an international battle for new aircraft sales forecast at $340 billion between now and 2005, and to increase the pressure on aviation's regulatory bodies to narrow safety margins that have protected passengers since the Second World War.

In 1946 it was declared unsafe to cross vast stretches of water or uninhabited land on two engines: rules forbade aircraft from being more than 60 minutes flying time from a suitable emergency airfield. In 1985 that was stretched to 120 minutes (at single-engine speeds). Boeing, not with the unanimous support of its rivals, wants even more freedom: by the end of this year the limit may be 180 minutes, opening up virtually all of the planet to frequent and direct flights — to the convenience of passengers and the commercial delights of airlines.

After departure from Halifax, loud with jokey shouts to the refuelling crew — "Hey fella, shake the drips outa that hose, willya?" — there was 16 hours and 27 minutes to hear the case for two-engined freedom of the skies.

Out over the north Atlantic, where icebergs gleamed below, Colonel Milt Brown, former USAF pilot, air-crash inspector and now the Fédération Aeronautique Internationale observer charged with adjudicating this attempt, said: "Now all we have to do is touch down Mauritius softly enough so that no one dies within 48 hours as a result of the landing."

I begged his pardon. This curious rule, said the colonel, dates back to the Wright brothers, when plane-makers made mad claims for their machines. "A guy would go off in a plane until he ran out of fuel. Crash on a hill and kill himself. Yet still the maker'd claim an endurance record!" So making a survivable landing was built into the rules.

‘This record flight will clearly show the aircraft's range’

Half way across the Atlantic: 40 years ago this was the Point of No Return. "You had an engine conk then," said Captain Ed Hepner, "and you'd get busy. Yelling up the nearest airfield, wondering if the weather would hold. Doing fuel sums.

"Now I'd just do this." He punched away at a computer pad like a man idly dialling long distance. "See. The readout tells us drop down from 31,000ft to 26,100ft. That'll be the most fuel-efficient height taking into account wind and drift. That one engine'll get us into London in two hours eight minutes. A shade over the regulation, so the computer sends us to Shannon instead. And unless I came on the speakers to say we were droppping in on Ireland, you in the back would never know we were an engine short."

The flow of statistics from the Boeing boffins on board kept us occupied to Paris and beyond. No aircraft gets approval for extended-range operations (Erops) until it can demonstrate reliability over 250,000 engine hours. The chance of an engine shutdown is one in 100 million per flying hour; of Boeing's 36,951 Erops operations thus far 99.83 per cent reached their destination without diversion. Of the 12 "events" (airline-speak for anything from a blown tyre to a crash into a mountain) involving 767s on an Erops trip, none has involved engine shut-down.

We were above Crete when someone raised the counter-argument, quoting a Massachusetts Institute of Technology report suggesting that statistical evidence for a 180-minute limit was insufficient, underestimating by up to 20 per cent the effect of bad weather or possible headwinds.

These are the sort of arguments used by men like Sir Colin Marshall, chief executive of British Airways. El-Al and TWA regularly use twin-engined 767s to cross the Atlantic: next Sunday, two British airlines, Air Europe and Monarch, begin twin-jet flights to the United States. BA has refused to do so, or commit itself to this aircraft as the replacement for its trijet fleet . . . an order worth billions for which Airbus and McDonnell-Douglas are also competing.

We had been in the air for 10-plus hours and the Nile was a gleaming line in the darkness when Myron Anton, marketing director of Boeing, put its pitch: "This record flight will be a clear demonstration of a two-engine aircraft's range. It can already match the longest-range 747s now in service, and with a slightly superior reliability. This has implications for airline profits, and for passengers' convenience."

Meaning? That with only 200 seats to sell instead of the jumbo's 400-plus, it would be possible for daily flights between many points now poorly served; links between, say, Manchester to most American airports would cut three hours from journeys and ease Heathrow congestion.

Ethiopia slid below and with about 10 seats apiece our tiny party was sprawled. But would one-seat-apiece passengers really want to fly 14 or 16 hours? "If it means sleep, not being woken to spend an hour in a transit lounge in, say, Bahrain at 3am, they will."

BA's argument is that no matter what the economic case for twinjets, if one ever failed to make it across an ocean there was a strong risk of a passenger rush to book on another airline's "good ol' jumbo".

The reality of air safety was, said Anton, that in most disasters — bombs, collisions, pilot-failure or unexplained disappearance — lives would not be saved by having four engines, nor 40. "Every great airplane model has survived a period of trauma." This 767 would, too. He spoke with the firm belief of a man about to deliver an order of two planes worth $122 million, with another 284 sold, and a further 800 to sell.

But that is just business. There was still the flying. The 767-200 was put down gently enough at Mauritius to satisfy Col Brown all would survive the next 48 hours. We had proved it could be done: the argument whether it is worth doing will continue. Yet, looking out to the sweltering dignitaries, we knew perhaps the tiniest part of Lindbergh's feeling the day he made his mark — on one engine.

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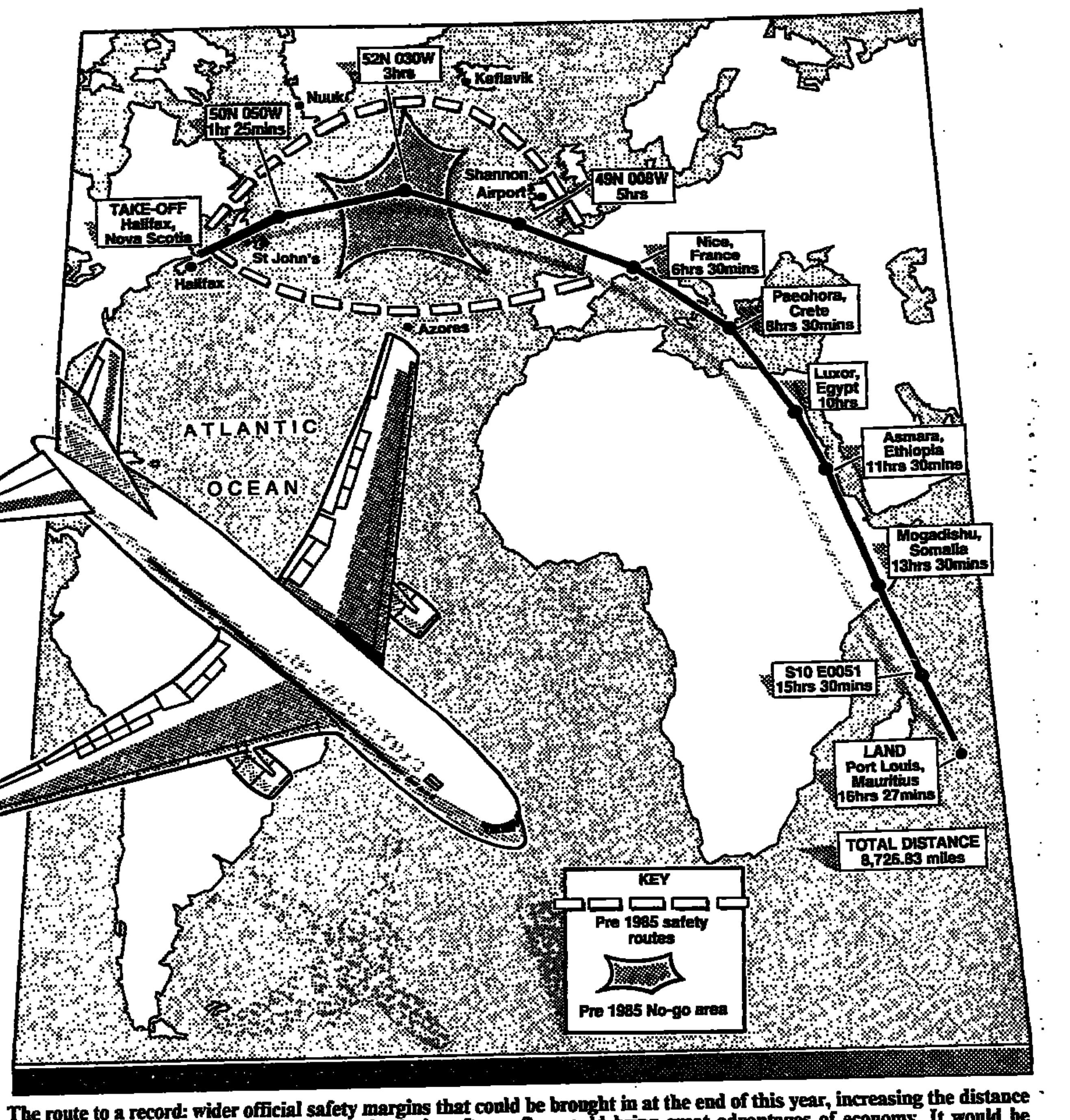

The route to a record: wider official safety margins that could be brought in at the end of this year, increasing the distance from emergency landing at which two-engined aircraft can fly, would bring great advantages of economy. It would be possible to mount daily flights between many points now poorly served, cutting congestion at main international airports

Milking the farms

Hard-pressed agricultural families are turning to pastures new, reports John Young

Cheryl Sadler claims to make the best ice-cream in Britain. By the end of the summer she thinks that she and her husband, Chris, could be making as much, if not more, money from it than from their dairy farm. On the other hand, they may not.

The Sadlers are among the increasing number of farmers who are being forced to seek new sources of income. With the help of a £1,000 grant from the Venturecash scheme, organized by the National Farmers' Union and sponsored by National Westminster Bank, they have studied the market potential, developed their own recipes, equipped a parlour, opened a shop at the farm near Nanwich in Cheshire and signed contracts to supply stately homes in the area which cater for visitors.

On the other side of the country, near Spalding in Lincolnshire, Peter and Julie Worth a year ago opened a butterfly farm, containing both native and tropical species, which they thought might attract 30,000 visitors in the first year. That figure was exceeded by June, and the total ended up at more than 70,000.

Visitors who come to see the butterflies become fascinated by the workings of the farm itself, Peter Worth says. He has opened a number of farm walks and converted arable land back to meadows, which may in due course produce a valuable harvest of wildflower seeds.

"Diversification", to give it its official government name, is not as new as some people like to believe. Farmhouses have been providing bed and breakfast and cream teas since anyone can remember; farm shops and pick-your-own facilities have been going for some years; and hundreds of redundant barns and other buildings have been converted to new uses.

But until comparatively recently there has been prejudice within the farming community against "part-time farmers". Where a farm advertised for guests and supplied them with scones and home-made strawberry jam, the man of the house would tend to say that it was just something his wife did.

For him farming was a full time occupation. British farmers were known to be the most efficient in Europe; they did not want to be like many of their French and German counterparts, keeping a handful of cows on a few acres of mountain pasture and working five days a week in the local factory.

But for most of the last decade, despite guarantees and subsidies provided under the EEC common agricultural policy, farm incomes have failed to keep pace with costs. The position is likely to worsen as steps are taken to reduce surpluses.

John MacGregor, the Secretary of State for Agriculture, said in a speech on Monday that only 15 per cent of Britain's quarter of a million farmers now earn their living exclusively from agriculture. About one third have second jobs off the farm, and the rest have found other ways of raising extra revenue, such as making their own cheeses and yoghurts.

The Ministry of Agriculture is busy devising grants and incentives to encourage new initiatives. In due course the provision of more visitor facilities may serve to restore links between farmers and the community that have been eroded in recent years by disputes over conservation issues. Times are changing, and quite possibly for the better.

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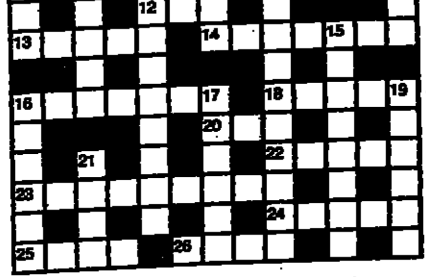

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Worry over Ireland speech

Mrs Thatcher is seeking reassurance that the weekend speech by Mr Charles Haughey, Prime Minister of the Irish Republic, does not mean that the Irish Government is backing away from its responsibilities, she said at question time, amid Labour protests.

Mr Michael Mates (East Hampshire, C): Is it not unhelpful for the Irish Prime Minister to make such a savage attack on British Government policies as he did at the weekend. It was irresponsible in particular to have advocated a unitary state in Ireland when his own Government so recently put their names to a document forswearing that unless a majority there wanted it to happen.

Mrs Thatcher: Yes. I agree with him. The highest priority must be the defeat of terrorism. We shall continue to press for that and to seek reassurance from the Irish Government that that speech does not mean that they are backing away from their responsibilities.

US 'army of occupation'

American forces in Britain were described as "an army of occupation" by Mr Jeremy Corbyn (Islington North, Lab) during defence questions. He said that it was time for these forces to leave.

Mr Ian Stewart, Minister of State for the Armed Forces, said that there were usually about 30,000 United States Service personnel in the UK. The Government made available the bases and facilities for US forces.

Mr Corbyn had said that a CND publication put the total number of bases at 137, but that organization tended to be misleading and inaccurate and it sounded as if this latest example was no exception.

Trident costs 'are lower'

There has been a reduction of [illegible] million in the latest estimate of the cost of the Trident nuclear submarine system, Mr George Younger, Secretary of State for Defence, said during questions.

Mr Max Madden (Bradford West, Lab) said that there was a widespread suspicion that the Government [illegible] the true [illegible] system and many [illegible] that it was [illegible] £11,000 million [illegible] equivalent of [illegible] a day for the next [illegible] years.

Hopes for more nurses

[illegible] award to nurses [illegible] more could be [illegible] areas such as [illegible] units and intensive [illegible] Mrs Thatcher told MPs at question time.

Poll tax Bill

The Local Government Finance Bill, the measure for [illegible] its formal [illegible] in the House [illegible]

Parliament today

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TIMES DIARY

ALAN COREN

Cynosure is the word, and while etymologists among you will protest that it means nothing more remarkable than the sleazier end of a dog, even so I am rarely it. Last Friday, however, I was. Only for a tenth of a second, mind, but the impression so etched itself upon the retina as to enable me, in the still watches of the night, to regenerate the entire tableau on the ceiling, luminous and slightly trembling, like the spectre of a filament in that nanosecond after the bulb has been switched off.

I see two dozen heads, frozen in half-swivel, and four dozen eyes auto-focusing; and I see the look in those eyes traversing instantaneously the wide gamut from expectation to disappointment – furnishing me, as the irises dull, with an invaluable statistic. Which is that it takes the average luncher one tenth of a second to distinguish between me and the Duchess of York.

We were both late, but I was earlier than she was. Enjoined by my host at *Punch* to scramble at 12.30 sharp, toecaps buffed, cuticles pared, ears Brilloed, in good time for the Titian epiphany at 12.45, I sprang into my cab at noon with all the alacrity of Sherlock Holmes sniffing a whiff of Norwood infamy on the breeze. I had, however, reckoned without a team of saboteurs who had chosen that day to resurface Piccadilly, very slowly and a foot or so in front of our radiator. As we crawled behind their roller, like mourners at the state funeral of an eminent navvy, the minutes ebbed so that it was not until 12.50 that I finally hove to in Tudor Street and took the stairs three at a time, praying that dropping dead at the royal feet would be sufficient atonement for so gravely infringing protocol.

As I sprinted down the long corridor towards the dining-room I instinctively noted that the excited buzz towards which I was hurtling was rapidly fading. This was either some freak effect which Doppler had somehow overlooked, or else the crowd was incomprehensibly falling silent. Why should small talk so suddenly collapse?

The instant I burst through the doors, all became clear. It was there, in the 48 eyes. The waiting mob had heard the hurrying footfalls, and, too tense to wonder why the Duchess should be hurdling furniture, endowed them with spurious regality. For my part, I used the same split second to register the absence of anything flame-haired, and immediately got down to pledging my relief in vodka.

This might have been something of a mistake but, quite fortuitously, turned out to be just the opposite. For, in the event, the Duchess did not show until 1.30, by which time a fair percentage of the aforementioned eyes were rolling around like marbles in a saucer, since a combination of nervous hacks, delayed royalty, and a roomful of bottles is, you will appreciate, a fissile formula. But all subsequently went so uproariously that I find myself wondering whether the delay might not have been orchestrated by HRH's canny advisers who, wise to her delightful ebullience, had carefully calculated how best to manufacture the setting most favourable to it.

BARRY FANTONI

'Spain, Italy, West Germany – hardly anyone left to use it on'

It is a book from which the organizers could well take a leaf in time for the next Conversationalist of the Year competition. On the judging panel last Sunday for this year's finals, I could not but reflect that a beaded bubble or two might have eased the contestants' bumpy ride.

While it is a noble competition, jointly sponsored by LBC and Dewhurst in a very worthy cause – fund-raising for research into spina bifida and hydrocephalus – it is fought out in the most unconvivial circumstances imaginable.

The two plucky finalists, Denise Danks and Neil Warren, having talked non-stop to umpteen less successful chatterers for two full days, were required to face one another at last across a trestle table in the echoing vault of the Glaziers Hall, with the serried judges enthroned above them on a beetling dais, a crowd around them of critical ears, and between them nothing but an LBC microphone to pump their impromptu words, live, into the wider world, and, immeasurably worse, a carafe of tap-water on which to do it.

To do what? To talk non-stop for a full hour on the subject, revealed to them as the flag fell, of "Sunday". And they were required to do it sober.

I have to say that they made a splendid fist of it. But the pressure told, and Neil became the hapless casualty of his own desperate inventiveness. Having covered everything that there was to be covered on the topic of Sunday, he found himself – or was driven by Denise – up a dreadful cul-de-sac where consequences lay which I dare not begin to imagine.

He began rubbishing his in-laws. The true hell of his Sundays began, unstoppably, to emerge. And he had, in his headlong revelations, forgotten that this, unlike the earlier rounds, was being broadcast: the in-laws at home, plugged in, surely, and rooting for their champion, would have found their smiling faces turning gradually to stone. In horror we watched, realizing what Neil had not realized, and powerless, in our juridical objectivity, to save him from himself.

He did it all on H_2O, and, tragically, he lost. And, saddest irony of all, by coming second he had done too well for the prizes awarded to the lowlier runners-up. They won champagne, and could reel home to *their* in-laws grinning and unconcerned.

Rodney Cowton and Roland Rudd on the implications of the P&O strike

Two-way fight for survival

As the battle lines are drawn at Dover in the three-month-old P&O dispute, there is much more at stake than the jobs of 720 seamen and the future of a ferry company. The seamen's union is fighting for its life: the ferry companies for theirs.

The National Union of Seamen has already lost on the deep-sea ships. Flags of convenience now fly on what were once British vessels. British crews have been replaced by foreigners. Now the union can no longer rely on the once-safe routes across the Channel. First there was the Zeebrugge disaster. The Townsend-Thoresen flag which flew on the Herald of Free Enterprise has been replaced on its sister ships by the red, blue, white and yellow flag of P&O, one of the proudest names on the oceans.

Now the entire Channel fleet is threatened by the Channel Tunnel and by what the opposing sides see as the obstinacy of the other. The company says it cannot exist with present manning levels: the union says the company is being unreasonable. On the harbour wall stands the rival Sealink British Ferries waiting for the result of the dispute, ready to do its own deals without the agony being faced by the present protagonists. It is an all too familiar story in British industrial relations.

Both the company and the NUS know there will have to be drastic changes in the operation and manning of the ferries. The present dispute is over how, and at what pace these changes are to be achieved.

The ferry companies will have to face two key factors within the next five years. One is competition from the Channel Tunnel, due to open to the public in May 1993: the other the introduction of the single European market a year earlier, when trading barriers within the European Community are to disappear. Whatever happens in this dispute there will still have to be a drastic rationalization. One plan being considered is to use fewer but larger ships in a pooled service from Dover. This, with other economies, should result in fares about 40 per cent below current levels.

The NUS accepts a lot of the argument but believes it is in imminent danger of being destroyed by P&O's decision to withdraw from the Merchant Navy Establishment – the 40-year-old agreement between the union and employers to regulate the supply of labour.

The immediate effect was felt yesterday by the ferrymen dismissed for not accepting the company's new terms and conditions reflected in what is known as the Red Book. But the long-term effect could be felt by every one of the NUS's 18,500 members who are now engaged in active work. If P&O sticks to its intention, all the union's recognition agreements with about 55 shipping companies, covering 400 ships, could be at risk.

The signs are already there: when P&O first announced its controversial rationalization package, Mr Jim Sherwood, chairman of Sea Containers, Sealink's parent company, said his company might have to follow suit. Both companies say the cost of running the ferries is simply too high.

Over the past five years P&O's costs have increased by 27 per cent, while revenue has been declining. The company believes the most effective way of achieving its aim is to rationalize all ferry manning to a standard 2.5 crews per ship.

Only the Portsmouth to Le Havre vessel is manned in this way. The Dover-Zeebrugge and Dover-Boulogne routes are run at 3.6 crews per ship. Under new proposals, known as Option B and put forward by the conciliation service, Acas, the company is willing to settle for three full crews per ship on the understanding that it would make a saving of at least £6 million.

This would have led to 362 job losses instead of the 460 sought by the company and involve seamen spending 24 hours at a time on board instead of the 72 currently being demanded. But Mr Sam McCluskie, the outspoken general secretary of the NUS, promised his members that he would never put his signature to such an agreement which, he alleged, would drastically worsen the conditions of the seamen.

P&O do, however, face a problem with their officers: the decision to withdraw recognition from the NUS has created confusion within the ranks of Numast, the moderate union representing the officers. The Government's Merchant Shipping Bill, aimed at preventing another ferry disaster, has had its third reading and will later this week go back to the House of Lords for its final stages. Under it, officers could be personally liable to a two-year prison sentence and a fine of £50,000 for sailing an unsafe ship.

The dispute at Dover is more than a local argument. It has also become part of the general question of union power and the Government will use it as evidence that its trade union reforms do limit disruption.

The ferry companies have consistently used the Government's trade union legislation to thwart NUS plans to hold a national strike. Seaklink British Ferries originally won an injunction against the union last February when it called an all-out stoppage over the dismissal of 116 crew men in the Isle of Man without balloting members.

Mr McCluskie, after making many claims that the strike would continue, called off the national stoppage. When the same company warned that it might have to embark on a similar rationalization programme as that proposed by P&O, the union held a strike ballot of its members working on Sealink ferries. Again the company went to court and won a further injunction to stop the strike.

As the P&O ships were being prepared for sail in Rotterdam last night, the company was feeling confident that it could recruit sufficient experienced seamen to run at least a skeleton service from Dover.

The unions were concentrating on the genuine issue of safety. P&O, which took over Townsend Thoresen only a few weeks before the Zeebrugge disaster, was insistent that safety would not be impaired. The union, however, made the simple point, supported by the officers, that with fewer and inexperienced crew on board working longer hours, then safety must be at risk.

The dispute will consist of many skirmishes. The company will have won the first and crucial one when the first ferry crosses the Channel with paying passengers. The longer this is put off, the greater the union's chance of success.

Conor Cruise O'Brien

Dukakis for President

New York

I now think it probable that next November Michael Dukakis will be elected President of the United States. He has been greatly under-estimated by the American media, and consequently also by the international media. The word "dull" has been attached to him so often in media commentary as to become a Homeric epithet. His dullness was regularly and adversely contrasted with Jesse Jackson's passion, some of which, absurdly, Dukakis was advised to acquire.

Actually both Dukakis and Jackson have been fighting excellent campaigns, of contrasting types. Jackson wanted to get out the whole vote of his maximum constituencies – almost all blacks, most hispanics, plus left-wing whites – in order to mobilize maximum strength at the Atlanta convention in July. The key to that particular vote is the display of populist eloquence and passion, of which Jackson has given all he has got, which is plenty. I attended a Jackson rally at Albany earlier this month; while I admired his passion, I thought it was well under the control of his rational faculties.

Jackson's potential constituency is not enough to win the presidency this year, and I think Jackson knows this. His hope is to build up a very strong power base in the Democratic Party, at the convention and thereafter for four or eight years, under a Democratic president. Jackson today is a long-distance runner. He is young, and can look forward not merely to 1992 but to 1996. And it is in his interests that the Democrats win this time; whatever the ticket, Jackson needs Dukakis, and Dukakis needs Jackson, and both campaigns reflect this.

Dukakis, unlike Jackson, has the White House in his sights this time round. He is thinking beyond Atlanta, to the election itself, and that consideration requires him, at this stage, to fight a dull campaign. Even if Dukakis could compete in passion with Jackson in running for the nomination, the legacy of that competition would be likely to destroy his campaign in the contest for the presidency against George Bush. To compete with Jackson for his constituency would have put Dukakis way out of sight as far as floating voters are concerned.

Dukakis could have boosted his image by attacking Jackson. Sensibly he refrained, and instead got attacked himself, by Al Gore in the New York primary, for not attacking Jackson. Gore hopes to attract Jewish votes, which are anti-Jackson because of Jackson's anti-semitic capers in his regrettable 1984 campaign. Dukakis instead relied on the eloquence of his position as front runner, marginally ahead of Jackson. Dukakis ended up with 77 per cent of the Jewish vote, as well as 51 per cent of the overall vote. Gore's intervention actually helped the Dukakis campaign, by deflecting black resentment on to Gore himself, and Gore's exuberant backer, Mayor Ed Koch.

Assuming, as seems likely at present, that Dukakis gets the Democratic presidential nomination at Atlanta, what then becomes of Jackson? At one time Democrats feared that if Jackson didn't get the nomination he might refuse to support the Democratic ticket, thus making the Democratic candidate unelectable for lack of black votes. That fear diminished when Jackson said in New York: " . . . we should not have the notion, the attitude, that if I do not win, I take my marbles and go home."

It is clear that Jackson is prepared to support a Democratic presidential nominee other than himself. But assuming that he goes to Atlanta as a strong second runner, will he then insist on the vice-presidential slot? If so, most senior Democrats believe the ticket will be a loser; not just because Jackson is black but because a Dukakis-Jackson ticket would be too northern and too far left. On this view, if Dukakis is the presidential nominee, what the ticket needs is a conservative white southerner in the vice-presidential slot: perhaps Sam Nunn of Georgia. But a Dukakis-Nunn ticket (or anything similar) would also be a loser unless Jackson campaigns for it.

If my estimate of Jackson is correct, he will settle for something other than the vice-presidential slot in 1988. It is clearly in his interests to do so. If he were to insist on running with Dukakis, he would carry the blame in the likely event of defeat. His political future would be seriously compromised, if not finished. There is no future in American national politics outside the Democratic Party for a Jesse Jackson. Knowing this, he is unlikely to leave the Democratic Party.

If, on the other hand, Jackson campaigned for (say) a Dukakis-Nunn ticket, the party would be hugely in his debt. He could have a great share in writing the Democratic platform, and if the ticket were to win, he could look forward to a cabinet post.

I think Jackson will stay aboard. If so, Dukakis, with a reassuring running mate and a united party behind him, will go on to fight George Bush. And if so, Dukakis ought to win handily. Polls show Dukakis as running ahead of Bush, even before the New York primary. Dukakis, with years of experience as a very successful governor, can talk with brisk and convincing competence about topics that interest millions of Americans: the economy, jobs, the problems of the cities. And he has done more than talk. This month, as governor of Massachusetts, Dukakis introduced a social insurance scheme, unique in America, designed to cover all inhabitants of the state.

George Bush, knowing his opponent's strength in domestic matters, and having no equivalent expertise, let it be known that his campaign proposes to concentrate on foreign affairs. That hardly sounds like a winner, especially coming from a member of the team that dreamed up Irangate.

Bush is really a pretty miserable candidate: Reagan without Reagan's charm. Reagan's coat-tails have pulled him through easily to the Republican nomination but they will hardly take him through to the presidency (unless the Jackson factor plays into his hands). As a presidential candidate Bush adds nothing to the basic constituency of the Republican faithful, and that constituency by itself is not enough to get him elected. There are more Democrats than there are Republicans.

So far Dukakis has fought a brilliantly dull campaign against Democratic antagonists without offending anyone whose help he will need in Atlanta and after. Especially Jackson. But if Dukakis comes safely through Atlanta he won't have to sound dull any more. He need not worry about antagonizing Republicans – and he will have plenty to antagonize them with. There are lots of skeletons still in the Reaganite cupboard – with regard to Ed Meese, the Attorney General, the rattling of bones has become so nerve-wracking in recent weeks as to cause senior departmental officials to resign in droves.

George Bush has to stand on the record of the Reagan administration. So Dukakis can talk about that without appearing vindictive: the sort of thing he does well. He comes across as a likeable candidate, as well as an intelligent one. Bush appears to be neither.

Michael Dukakis might have been thought dull compared with Jesse Jackson. But compared with George Bush he will seem very bright indeed.

Commentary • DIGBY ANDERSON

Consuming guilt

The standard has at last been raised. I did not have time to catch the bearer's name or record his remarks but the gist will do. He is president of the Venetian Hoteliers Association and was talking on BBC radio's holiday programme *Breakaway*. He was superb.

Venice has a tourist problem: too many tourists, too little space, too few beds. Who to blame? The president had available to him the standard list of culprits that journalists denounce. Why not an attack on the Venice council for, say, failure to plan extra facilities, the local tourism office for, perhaps, brochures obscuring the shortage of beds, the government for inadequate "infrastructure", or unscrupulous package and other holiday companies for profiteering? All these he ignored.

The trouble, he explained, was the tourists themselves. They came knowing nothing, with no culture and no interest in architecture. They only knew Venice as a city on water. When they arrived, they had no idea where to go or what to do and didn't want to do any of the things any educated person would do. They went straight to St Mark's Square – the only place they knew about. Crowds and crowds of them went there and "hung about". All they do is "hang about, like sheep." They can't even bother to dress properly and show the city the respect it deserves.

Now, I do not want to get into an argument about the accuracy of the remarks or whether I heard them correctly. What was so superb about them and so very unusual was a man who was prepared to say the trouble is *you*: you the listener, you the reader, you the tourist, you the customer. Not any one of a hundred thems but you – alright, us.

Some days earlier, the usually perceptive Egon Ronay had written a column campaigning to improve food in Britain's shops, canteens, restaurants and hospitals. Who was at fault? "I accuse tinned soup manufacturers . . . the Milk Marketing Board . . . jam makers . . . the Minister of Agriculture . . . Edwina Currie . . . caterers everywhere . . . obtuse hospital catering managers . . . butchers . . .supermarkets . . . salad cream makers . . . manufacturers of children's food . . . restaurateurs . . .and one of the Heathrow caterers."

Such campaigns, when well-informed, are welcome: not only do they keep the suppliers on their toes, they actually let us know what a group of consumers wants. But I have a feeling that if the Venetian hotelier had written it, the column would have been longer, with at least one extra item.

Why not "accuse" housewives who have never learned how to cook, don't know how to shop or who know but are too lazy, mean or selfish to bother to do either properly and demand the second rate; restaurant customers who arrive late or drunk, insist on endless steak and black forest gateaux and won't touch fish with bones; customers who won't wait for food to be freshly cooked, parents who have been too idle to teach their children to sit still at table for 20 minutes?

Problems which occur when the Government has interfered may be properly, at least partly, blamed on government; similarly with private monopolies. But in much of life, consumers do have a fairly free choice. And when the consumer is sovereign, surely what the pundits call low standards have to be laid fairly and squarely at the consumer's door.

The worry is that the consumer, the lazy housewife, her husband late, drunk or boorish in the restaurant and their careering, indisciplined child are the newspaper's readers. It depends on them for its income. There is, then, a very good reason why they are not often accused. Most allegations of media bias are exaggerated and irrelevant but this is a bias to which the media are structurally predisposed. They are too often reluctant to blame the general consumer because he is the general reader.

The temptation of the left-wing journalist is to present this consumer as exploited by selfish, profit-seeking industries while his right-wing colleague sees the consumer's enemy as big government. Neither has much time or appetite for those occasions when the fault, if fault it be, lies with the consumer himself.

But if it is a fault, if the media have a role in increasing consumer satisfaction and educating consumer taste, and if Thatcherism is enlarging the realm of consumer sovereignty, then we will need many more journalists prepared to follow the Venetian standard and throw the analysis and invective they have so usefully deployed on the private sector and the state into an assault on the consumer and reader.

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SCIENCE REPORT

Cluster buster

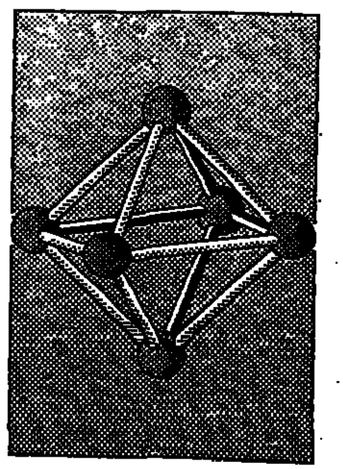
A short sequence of so-called "magic" numbers, long known to codify the stability of atomic nuclei, also seems to describe the stability of small clusters of atoms. The magic numbers are 2, 8, 20, 50 and 82.

This previously unsuspected connection between nuclear and atomic physics is advanced by G.S. Anagnostatos, of the Greek National Research Centre, Demokritos. Anagnostatos, now on a fellowship at the University of Maryland in the United States, describes his findings in the European journal *Physics Letters A* this month.

Cluster physics, a new field of study, is driven by the question "How small can a grain of material be and still be counted as a solid?" The question may help define the limits that can be reached in making electronic devices smaller (and therefore faster), but deliberately designed clusters may also be powerful chemical catalysts.

Several techniques have been developed for making clusters containing only tens or hundreds of atoms, usually by looking for aggregations of atoms in a vapour.

When there are 100 atoms or fewer in a cluster, metals cease to be metallic and crystals lose their characteristic form. By ordinary standards, these clusters are submicroscopic: the smallest grains of material visible to the human eye contain thousands of billions of atoms.



David Hart

Like many others, Anagnostatos is seeking rules to tell whether clusters containing particular numbers of atoms are especially stable. The surprise is that the same sequence of numbers lists both the stable atomic clusters and the packing of particles in the nuclei of atoms.

Atomic nuclei are very much smaller, with dimensions only about one millionth the size of those of clusters. Each different nucleus is made from a characteristic number of the nuclear particles called neutrons and protons. It has been known for 20 years that nuclei containing numbers of neutrons and protons from the list of magic numbers are especially stable.

Because the forces holding neutrons and protons together in a nucleus are entirely different from those between the atoms in a small cluster, it is surprising that the same list of magic numbers should apply to both.

It is especially surprising that Anagnostatos reaches his conclusion on the simplest of all assumptions, that the atoms in a cluster behave as if they were merely billiard balls and that the problem of telling which clusters are stable is simply that of telling how spherical objects of the appropriate size will most compactly pack together.

This reduces the packing of atoms in small clusters to a problem of geometry. Anagnostatos is especially concerned when atoms of different size, alkali atoms such as sodium or potassium for example, are packed together in a single cluster. He finds that this is most simply done when the two different kinds of atoms are separately arranged in simple polyhedral shapes, such as the eight-faced octahedron (with six corners at which atoms are placed).

On this view, the nearly spherical shells are nested inside one another as if they were Russian dolls. To fit two shells neatly together requires that the atoms in one shell fit into the gaps in the other. Finding the stable structures is then just a matter of counting the number of atoms in different shells.

Part of the interest in this work is that it shows how simple methods can lead to important conclusions.

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THE BATTLE OF DOVER

P&O is trying to break the National Union of Seaman. That is one way of putting it. It is the emotive way – drawing to the dock gates the political thugs who care next to nothing about the NUS, but who care a lot about finding enough industrial disputes to return Britain to the almost permanent picket which was trade unionism in the 1970s. They should not be allowed to succeed.

Another way of describing the dispute is to say that what P&O is trying to break is a labour monopoly, or at least a cartel, which will make cross-Channel ferries ruinously expensive to run in the 1990s. That is the decade which will see competition from the Channel tunnel; also the decade of the single European market which, among other things, will wipe out the ferries' biggest money-spinner: duty free goods.

There will still be ferries, and there will still be plenty of jobs on them, provided manning levels are based on reason rather than reaction. Many industrial goods are better transported on a ferry than through a tunnel. The sea-borne alternative to rail must, however, be economic. Excessive manning levels will not make it so.

It is also possible that the greater trade promoted by the single market will generate more Channel crossings, not fewer. So the battle which P&O is fighting is the kind of battle which was fought at Wapping and which TV-am is fighting now.

Not that the seamen are as undeserving as the newspaper workers and the television technicians. They are not a traditionally rapacious group. Their average annual pay under the new scheme would be between £11,300 and £17,400, which hardly suggests that they have ever been in the Fleet Street or television class. They have plenty of good points to make.

The threat to safety, caused by the use of allegedly unqualified "scab" seamen is not one of them. Trade unions are seldom so unconvincing as when they depict their actions as motivated by a selfless desire to guarantee the public safety. No one is proposing that the ferries be manned by unsupervised novices.

They seem to have a genuine grievance, however, about the new hours which the company wants them to work – 24 hours on duty and only 24 hours off, compared with 48 hours off in the past. The way this has been arranged by the company suggests that the men are being asked to do more work for the same pay. This is an issue for independent arbitration.

According to some estimates, about 1,000 union members have indicated that they would be prepared to work under these conditions, though they will not cross picket lines. According to some estimates, the workforce looks evenly split between those who want to stop the new arrangements and those prepared to work under them. This hardly suggests that they are completely unacceptable.

It is a sad dispute because these are men who have a genuine fear about their future. Unlike some members of previous labour monopolies, NUS members tend not to be barons of the black economy.

But they have no right to prevent other men doing the work they have refused to do, or to prevent other workers – such as lorry drivers – going about their business. The time is long passed when a union should be allowed to cover with opprobrium any man who takes a job on terms and conditions other than those laid down by a union.

Such a notion comes from an age when the collective was exhalted above the individual. Such an attitude lined the pockets of particular collectives at the expense of the individuals it priced out of work. The right of a seaman to strike his own bargain with his employer is one of those fundamental economic rights which, since 1979, have gradually been restored in this country.

That right was being denied by yesterday's mass picket. Lorry drivers should not be allowed to drive straight at the pickets and the police must be even-handed in preventing that. But pickets should not be allowed to stop lorry drivers or other workers from lawfully going where they wish.

STORY OF A STABBING

There is a case-book of malign consequences arising from the fanaticism of those who march under the banner of "anti-racism" using public money for their campaigns. The fate of the Bradford headmaster, Mr Ray Honeyford, is the most famous. He was hounded from his school as a racist because he had dared to discuss the intolerance of the race relations lobby in education; he had dared to point out the disadvantages suffered by white pupils in schools where 80 or 90 per cent speak English only as a second language, where the languages and culture of the Indian sub-continent are taught at the expense of English language and culture.

Then there was Mr Jonathan Savery, a Bristol teacher employed to teach English to children who lacked it. He fell foul of the "anti-racist" clique dominating the local Multicultural Education Centre for what he wrote about the pressure to teach minority languages and cultures instead of English. Although acquitted of racism by a "disciplinary panel" he still lost his job.

Not least, there was Mrs Maureen McGoldrick, the headmistress of a Brent primary school who was suspended for "racism", was reinstated after court proceedings but who eventually decided to leave the borough. Divisive race policies are now widespread in education. But because the evidence for this comes from people without active left wing credentials, it has still not convinced those many "liberals" who prefer theories to reality.

Now, however, there is evidence that should convince them. It comes from the report of a barrister, Mr Ian Macdonald, QC, who represented the families of those who died in the Deptford fire and whose liberal credentials of active concern for ethnic minorities are considered impeccable. He has produced for Manchester City Council a report on events at its Burnage High School which gives the gravest cause for concern.

The report has not been officially published but has been extensively leaked in the *Manchester Evening News*, with a complete verbatim account of the conclusions and recommendations. The central event was the death of an Asian boy, Ahmed Ullah, who was stabbed by a white pupil.

The killing itself appears not to have been racial. The boy found guilty of it had been known beforehand to have psychiatric problems. He had, indeed, committed arson in the school, as a result of which it had been suggested that he should be expelled. This had been resisted by the headmaster, Dr Gerry Gough, who instead placed him under a deputy's supervision. This proved to he ineffective.

Before the killing there had been no racial incidents apart from the minor sort found in any mixed school. But the seeds of strife had already been set by the headmaster's policy of creating a new community education department apparently serving only the Asian and (small) Afro-Caribbean elements and virtually excluding the whites.

The problems of the ethnic minorities were dealt with by special groups in the school comprising only those from those minorities. Whites were excluded from this anti-racist education. The same principle was applied to parent groups and the school was divided into white and non-white camps. In 1985 a deputation of worried teachers went to the governors to warn them of trouble ahead.

The death of Ahmed Ullah was the fuse that ignited this dynamite. His death was made a community event rather than an individual tragedy and white boys were forbidden to attend his funeral. They seem to have interpreted this as charging them with the guilt of being white and since then there has apparently been one pitched battle in the school and numerous racial incidents.

Manchester City Council should publish the report but that is not enough. Behind the headmaster's misguided zeal lie the malignant theories and "guidelines" that can be found in places all over Britain. The Government should take responsibility and launch an open review of the way race education is being carried out, into whose hands it has fallen and what is to be done about it.

POLITICS WITHOUT HOPE

With the opening of the new Parliament in Dhaka this week, the past four months of agitation in Bangladesh against the Government of President Ershad appears to have failed. The opposition never succeeded in mobilizing the people. The President has lifted the state of emergency and released political prisoners. In the end he survived without even calling upon the army.

The facade of opposition unity is full of cracks. It has taken strenuous efforts by lower echelons of its various parties to stop their splitting apart already. The divisions are in personality, history, even by ideology, insofar as that word has any meaning in Bangladesh politics. There are disagreements on Islamicization, the role of the army, and the issue of presidential versus parliamentary government. There is unity only in the desire to overthrow the President.

Popular dissatisfaction with government in Bangladesh is chronic and stems from the country's economic misery. President Ershad, though a relatively good economic manager, has failed significantly to improve living conditions. As the population rises, living standards have probably even declined in recent years. Monday's general strike in Dhaka will have reminded the President that his position is not completely secure.

But when the opposition parties were themselves in power (led by the father and husband of their present leaders, Sheikh Hasina Wazed and Begum Khaleda) both failed to bring about more efficient government or real economic progress. Both were accused, with reason, of corruption, electoral fraud, and disregard for human rights.

The melancholy truth is that the area that is now Bangladesh was headed for economic disaster from the day of its separation from India in 1947, when it was stripped of its natural economic hinterland. This legacy has been compounded by Pakistani exploitation, war, natural disaster, over-population, and environmental deterioration.

Any Bangladesh government, faced by these problems, can perhaps be excused for simply trying to hang on. The 85 per cent of the population now living at subsistence level are doing the same. The nature of the government is of little significance for them, for it can give them nothing. International aid helps prevent the human catastrophe which could spill beyond the Bangladesh borders and threaten the region as a whole.

Misery on such a scale makes the attribution of political blame almost meaningless. There is little point in identifying President Ershad as the principal culprit. In the face of appalling odds the whole Bangladesh political class has failed its country.

The events of the past four months have shown the weariness of the mass of the population with all politics. Every now and then, a people without hope stirs briefly against the inexorability of its condition. The agitation in Bangladesh has been such a shrug of history.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Postgraduates and poverty trap

From Professor G. V. R. Born, FRS, and others

Sir, The letter from Dr Worwood (April 20) on the effect of the social security reforms on British science, which you published under the caption "Science obstacle", should rather have been headed "Death from a thousand cuts".

Since reductions in Government funding for university research have made it increasingly difficult to employ personnel at the research-assistant level, much of the real research work is now done by postgraduate students paid by a maintenance grant. As Dr Worwood points out, this grant is woefully inadequate, and loss of benefits has made the position of many postgraduate students impossible.

His example of a postgraduate student severely disadvantaged in this way could be repeated at least eight times in this department, with even greater emphasis. There must be at least 1,000 students seriously at risk in the University of London, where loss of housing benefit is a particularly severe blow to postgraduates trying to cope with the cost of accommodation in this city.

For the very highly qualified and hard-working young people to see the poverty trap opening inexorably beneath them is hardly conducive to their continuing in a career in science. If they borrow to cover the cost of their postgraduate education they will subsequently be paid so poorly in research in this country that their only possibility of repaying a loan will be to emigrate. Is this really what the Government wants, a brain drain fuelled by debt?

The situation is now so serious that it seems that the new generation of students graduating this summer will not be able to enter postgraduate research for financial reason; that is, unless they are sufficiently rich as to be self-supporting. This is truly a return to Victorian values – science as the preserve of the well-to-do. Surely nobody can believe that this will best serve the needs of the country, and in particular those of British industry.

The only solution is either to restore benefits to groups such as students, or to increase the grants paid to postgraduates so that it is truly possible to live on these. The Government must be made to realise the seriousness of the situation before it is too late. The whole future of science in this country, and thereby arguably the whole future of Britain itself, are put at risk by these ill-considered social security "reforms".

Yours faithfully,
G. V. R. BORN,
J. M. LITTLETON,
M. GINSBURG,
King's College London,
Department of Pharmacology,
Strand, WC2.
April 20.

Plight of homeless

From the Chairman of Help the Homeless

Sir, Homelessness appears to be at its highest level ever, not only in the capital but in most urban areas. Figures for homelessness are difficult to come by and that problem is exacerbated by the failure of the Department of the Environment to maintain accurate up-to-date information.

Young married couples appear to have an increasingly difficult task in obtaining a foothold on the ever-spiralling ladder, either through renting or buying. In addition, there seems very little suitable accommodation for single people as far as "bed sits" are concerned – the needs of the newly qualified teacher, secretary, nurse, or young Civil Servant come readily to mind.

Has the time not come for the United Kingdom to recognise the basic right of all its citizens to have a roof over their heads (and the introduction of legislation to that end), in the same way that health care is a social right? Overall, there is no shortage of suitable accommodation in this country if the empty properties in the private and statutory sectors are aggregated.

At the time of the House of Lords debate on homelessness in January this year, it was estimated that there were 102,000 council dwellings standing empty; this is perhaps a mismatch problem between needs and (potential) resources, but that should not be beyond the wit of the enablers to solve if the will to overcome the problems of homelessness is present.

Failure to set realistic targets to alleviate homelessness will, we fear, be costly to society in the long term.

Yours faithfully,
F. J. BERGIN, Chairman,
Help the Homeless,
33 Long Acre, WC2.
April 21.

Home front memorial

From Mr Tony Baldry, MP for Banbury (Conservative)

Sir, There has been some discussion as to what might be commemorated on the fourth plinth in Trafalgar Square. May I make a further suggestion?

There seems to be a collective national amnesia about the enormous suffering of the civilian population in Britain during the last war and the quite extraordinary response and courage that they displayed to aerial bombardment.

It is a fact that by 1940 more civilians had been killed in London alone than in the whole of the British Army up to then; and by 1945 some 80,000 men, women and children on the home front had been killed. Indeed, in London alone in just the last year of the war, a staggering half-million homes were destroyed or damaged, one fifth of the capital's housing.

Yet, so far as I am aware, there is no memorial for the many hundreds and thousands of those who worked on the home front, in the fire service, ARP (air raid precautions), police service and all the many, many thousands who ensured that Britain did not crumble at home.

As we are now approaching the fiftieth anniversary of the start of the last war, would it not now be appropriate to erect a national memorial to all those who fought and died on the home front?

Yours sincerely,

TONY BALDRY,
House of Commons.
April 20.

Mammon's big guns

From Sir Thomas Bazley

Sir, Mr Stanton (April 23) misses two points. First, the free market economy cannot build housing for people on low wages or none. Second, our heritage of countryside, villages and towns is beyond price.

What's gone is gone for ever. There must be compromise; and final decisions in this difficult area should surely never depend on the personal preferences of one man, or woman.

Yours truly,
T. S. BAZLEY,
Eastleach Downs Farm,
Nr Eastleach Turville,
Cirencester,
Gloucestershire.
April 23.

Bottoms up

From Rear-Admiral Vernon Donaldson

Sir, The letter from Captain Pentreath (April 21) shows that old naval traditions are alive and well.

In those far-off days when I was doing my sub-lieutenant courses in the specialist schools at Portsmouth I remember vividly the insistence of our gunnery instructor that great care had to be taken to ensure a particular item of naval ordnance was correctly stowed. The box in which it was transported was marked, as he put it, "Top marked bottom – to avoid confusion": an expression that has remained in my memory ever since.

Yours faithfully,
VERNON DONALDSON,
36 Knox Court, Knox Place,
Haddington,
East Lothian.
April 21.

Erosion of research

From Dr D. B. Thomas

Sir, The Chairman of the Humane Research Trust claims (April 15) that universities "cream off" 40 per cent of charitable research grants for "banking the money" and "some modest paper work". Such misconceptions cannot go uncorrected.

Past Government funding enabled universities to accept research grants from charities covering only a fraction of true costs. Generally the charity paid the salaries of the staff recruited for its project, plus costs of necessary equipment and consumables. The university provided supervisory effort and laboratory space, serviced with basic equipment, heating, lighting, telephones, libraries, essential administration, etc. The full cost of the work, calculated using proper cost-accounting methods, was shared roughly equally.

Universities can, unfortunately, no longer afford this regime. Each year they get less money for research, whereas charities seem to have more. The obvious solution is for charities to pick up a higher proportion of the costs, say 75 per cent. Some universities are aiming at this, as your correspondent has evidently discovered. But charities already enjoy tax advantages through covenanted donations. Should they expect any subsidy from universities for the work they commission?

Before charities cry that this would mean funding fewer projects in future, the dangers of the present situation should be pointed out. With universities hard pressed to contribute their expected share, some projects are already starved of adequate underpinning support. A smaller portfolio of properly-funded projects is far preferable to a larger one of under-resourced, and therefore wasteful, projects.

Clearly the universities have failed to get these new messages over. Charities are not being given a raw deal. Indeed, they have been getting such an excellent deal that, along with parts of industry and commerce, and Government departments, all of which pressurize universities to work under grant and contract at well below full cost, they are contributing to the financial deficits now facing many UK universities.

Yours faithfully,
D. B. THOMAS
(Director of Industrial Liaison),
Imperial College of Science and Technology,
Exhibition Road, SW7.
April 20.

New roads key to transport policy

From the Chairman of the British Road Federation Limited

Sir, It is encouraging to read your leader about the need for a coherent transport policy for London (April 16), but I fear that you have overlooked the importance of road transport to Londoners.

As the Greater London Transportation Study recorded, on a typical weekday 64 per cent of all London residents' mechanised journeys are made by car or truck and 18 per cent are made by bus; in contrast the Tube carries just 7 per cent of trips and British Rail only 5 per cent. The balance (taxi, motorbike, etc) are also road journeys.

Most of these car journeys are not controversial – trips by the elderly, young families and commercial companies, who all depend on cars. Furthermore the vast majority of the much maligned car commuters are not travelling to or from central London, where already over 70 per cent of journeys to work are made by public transport.

An efficient and attractive public transport service is vital to London's future prosperity but it cannot solve outer London's problems. Accordingly, the need for a modern network of roads cannot be ignored.

Seven million people live inside the M25 where they have to cope with an inadequate road network, less than 2 per cent of which is of dual-carriageway standard. The only realistic way to give Londoners predictable journey time and reliable delivery of goods and services is to improve the roads.

The alternative policy of banning cars, or restraining their use through charging for the use of road space, would mean curtailing the right of Londoners to own and drive a car. Not only would this be politically unpopular, but more importantly it would lead to an outflow of shops, commerce and industry from the restricted areas, with adverse consequences on the inner-city economy and added pressure on the green belt.

A more positive approach would be to encourage the London boroughs to build small road schemes such as mini urban bypasses, whilst the Government provides a network of new dual carriageways to link outer London to the motorways. Many of these dual carriageways will have to be specially designed, perhaps in tunnel, so as to minimise environmental intrusion.

The top priority must be the provision of a replacement South Circular, perhaps to the south of the present alignment. Whilst this road strategy is being implemented it will also be necessary to integrate private and public transport by encouraging "park and ride", with facilities located around the M25, North Circular and the new South Circular.

We can create a better transport system for London, but it must accommodate the Londoners' wish to own and use cars in the same way as that right is enjoyed throughout the rest of the country.

Yours faithfully,
OLAF LAMBERT, Chairman,
British Road Federation Limited,
Cowdray House,
6 Portugal Street, WC2.

A priestly test

From the Reverend R. Schofield

Sir, In his report from Cape Town today (April 22) Michael Hornsby quotes President Botha as referring to those who would "force liberation theology on the churches from above", and suggests that Archbishop Desmond Tutu was clearly in mind.

That may well be so, but in 1985, when Tutu was Bishop of Johannesburg and I was Warden of the Anglican Seminary in Lesotho, about to admit three of his ordinands, I put the point explicitly to him: "Is some knowledge of liberation theology desirable in your future priests?"

"It is far more important", he replied, "that they should have a sound understanding of the Bible."

Yours faithfully,
RODNEY SCHOFIELD,
West Monkton Rectory,
Taunton,
Somerset.
April 22.

'Glosters' in Korea

From Brigadier S. D. A. Firth

Sir, The Gloucestershire Regiment much appreciated the sensitive and perceptive article by Gavin Bell (April 19) after his visit to the Imjin Valley in Korea.

The regiment are in the process of creating an Imjin Memorial Room in their new museum on the edge of the Gloucester city docks development scheme. It will illustrate the life of men in Gloucestershire in their county regiment in peace and war.

The battle in Korea must be recorded as an important part of the history of our country and county.

Yours sincerely,
SIMON FIRTH (Chairman,
Gloucestershire Regiment Museum Development Committee),
Museum Appeal Office,
Custom House,
Commercial Road, Gloucester.
April 22.

To make a dog laugh

From Mrs Sara Craven

Sir, Miss Preuss's robin (April 18) has competition. Following a vigorous spring-cleaning of our collie's somewhat matted winter coat in the garden last weekend we were baffled to discover some of the discarded remnants of her hair lying in our upstairs bedroom grate some three hours later.

The jackdaws, undeterred by our sweep's recent and repeated attempts to clear our chimney of solid nest (built up probably over 30 years), were obviously determined to recolonise immediately. So much for the hair of the dog . . . !

Yours faithfully,
SARA CRAVEN,
12 Childwick Green,
Childwickbury,
St Albans,
Hertfordshire.
April 19.

From Mr J. R. Hilton

Sir, Margaret de Bunsen's letter (April 22) regarding a neighbour who was able to spin enough wool from the brushings and combings of her large black dog to knit a pair of gloves for herself prompts the thought: would it not have been more humane to have knitted a pullover for the dog?

Yours faithfully,
J. R. HILTON,
2 Goldfinch Gardens,
Merrow, Guildford, Surrey.
April 22.

ON THIS DAY

APRIL 27 1951

Lieutenant Colonel J. P. Carne, commanding the 1st Gloucesters in the Korean War, ordered the battalion, once further resistance was useless, to break out in small parties. Colonel Carne (1906-86) was taken prisoner, but returned to this country in 1953 and was awarded the VC for his part in the Battle of the Imjin River

CHINESE THREAT TO SEOUL

U.N. TROOPS WITHDRAW ALONG WHOLE LINE

The general withdrawal of United Nations troops in Korea yesterday brought them to a line less than 20 miles north of Seoul.

The story of how a battalion of The Gloucestershire Regiment, which was surrounded with the British 29th Brigade, bore the brunt of the Chinese assault for 80 hours has now been released by the censorship.

GLOUCESTERS BEAR THE BRUNT

STORY OF AN 80-HOUR BATTLE

The censors today permitted disclosure in part of some heroic actions by United Nations units. Outstanding among these was that of the battalion of The Gloucester Regiment fighting with the British 29th Brigade. When the Chinese waded across the shallow Imjin river on Sunday night the brunt of their attack fell upon this battalion. Cut off, and surrounded, without food and water, it fought for 80 hours.

The Royal Northumberland Fusiliers, on their right, went to their help – still with the roses in their helmets with which they had been celebrating St. George's Day – but the Chinese drove in between them. Throughout Monday night the Chinese attacked on every side, screaming, blowing bugles, ringing bells, and clashing cymbals. But the Gloucesters held them and fought back, giving not an inch of ground.

COMMANDER'S ORDER

A battalion from the Philippines fought fiercely in an attempt to break through to their relief, but failed. On Tuesday afternoon a column of British tanks similarly failed. The officer commanding the Gloucesters thereupon sent for his company commanders and ordered them to break out with their men as best they could. The battalion commander, the chaplain, and the medical officer stayed behind with the wounded.

One company decided to fight its way north and then west. An Associated Press correspondent, flying over the enemy lines, saw them walking north through the mountains, straight into the Chinese lines. He said that some of them escaped to safety, but nobody knows how many. Others were eventually rescued by a tank column which broke through from the south. . .

A leading article commented:

. . . The lessons of the war have been learnt; errors and weaknesses have been corrected; the fighting machine has been raised to a far higher standard of efficiency. Yet in the last resource all depends on the spirit and endurance of the troops, whose handicaps in the fighting go a long way towards balancing their great superiority of armament. They are subjected to a strain greater than that of many more deadly wars because the objects are more vague and the rewards of sacrifice, other than that of staving off ruin, appear so evanescent. From the way in which they have met this last and most powerful offensive it would appear that they have not only maintained but improved the standard of physical and moral vigour and tenacity which they reached after heavy reverses last winter. . .

COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
April 26: The Princess Royal visited Shropshire today and was received upon arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Shropshire (Mr John Dugdale).

Her Royal Highness subsequently opened Bishop's Castle Public Hall and was received by the Mayor of Bishop's Castle (Councillor W. Jarvis).

The Princess Royal afterwards opened and toured the new extended factory of Farm Gas Limited (Chairman, Mr M. Chesshire), at Bishop's Castle.

In the afternoon Her Royal Highness opened the new Centre for Gymnastics, Lilleshall National Sports Centre, Lilleshall, and was received by the President, British Amateur Gymnastics Association (Mr F. Edmonds).

The Princess Royal later opened the Old Ben Homes, Lilleshall and was received by the President, Newsvendors' Benevolent Trust and Chief Executive of the *Evening Standard* (Mr B. Hardy).

Her Royal Highness, attended by the Hon Mrs Legge-Bourke, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

The Princess Royal, Patron, Everyman Theatre Association, and Captain Mark Phillips, attended a Gala Evening at the Pump Rom, Cheltenham and were received on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Gloucestershire (Colonel Martin Gibbs).

CLARENCE HOUSE
April 26: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, Honorary Colonel, The London Scottish, this evening opened the new Regimental Headquarters in Horseferry Road, SW1.

Mrs Patrick Campbell-Preston, Sir Martin Gilliat, and Captain Giles Bassett were in attendance.

Ruth, Lady Fermoy has succeeded Mrs Patrick Campbell-Preston as Lady-in-Waiting to Her Majesty.

KENSINGTON PALACE
April 26: The Prince of Wales this afternoon at St James's Palace received the Lord St John of Fawsley.

His Royal Highness, Patron, English Chamber Orchestra and Music Society, this evening attended a Gala Performance given by the English Chamber Orchestra in aid of the Society at the Barbican Centre, London EC2.

Major Christopher Lavender was in attendance.

The Princess of Wales this morning opened the new Day Centre at St Helena's Hospice, Myland Hall, Barncroft Close, Colchester, Essex.

Her Royal Highness afterwards visited the homes of the Essex Voluntary Association for the Blind at 19-21, The Esplanade, Frinton-on-Sea, Essex.

The Princess of Wales, attended by Viscountess Campden and Commander Richard Aylard, RN, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

KENSINGTON PALACE
April 26: The Duke of Gloucester, President, National Association of Boys' Clubs, today visited Boys' Clubs in Warwickshire.

Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Simon Bland was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
April 26: The Duke of Kent, Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England, this evening dined with the President and Members of the Provincial Grand Masters' Forum at The House of Lords, London SW1..

Sir Richard Buckley was in attendance.

The Duchess of Kent, Patron of Age Concern England, today opened a new Day Centre at Farncombe, Surrey.

Mrs Alan Henderson was in attendance.

Viscountess Quenington gave birth to a daughter in New York on Thursday, April 21.

Memorial service

Lieutenant-Colonel Lennox Livingstone-Learmonth
A service of thanksgiving for the life of Lieutenant-Colonel Lennox Livingstone-Learmonth was held yesterday at St Lawrence Jewry-next-Guildhall. The Rev David Burgess officiated.

Baron van Moyland, son-in-law, read the lesson and Mr John Livingstone-Learmonth, son, read from the works of Canon Henry Scott Holland. The Rev Martin Culverwell led the prayers and Brigadier Lyndon Bolton gave an address. Among others present were:

Mrs Livingstone-Learmonth (widow), Baroness van Moyland (daughter), Mr and Mrs A W Horlin and Mr and Mrs K M L Ireland (sons-in-law and daughters), Mrs John Livingstone-Learmonth (daughter-in-law), Miss Jane van Moyland, Miss Victoria van Moyland and Miss Nicola van Moyland (granddaughters), Mr and Mrs M C Cumberlege (stepson and stepdaughter-in-law), Miss Eunice Cumberlege, Colonel and Mrs P Wiggin, Mr and Mrs W Curling, Mrs P Shepherd-Cross, Mr and Mrs David Shepherd-Cross, Mr and Mrs A Stewart-Liberty, Mr and Mrs C Livingstone-Learmonth, Miss Nicola Livingstone-Learmonth, Miss Camilla Livingstone-Learmonth, Mr Nigel Livingstone-Learmonth, Mr Michael Wiggin.

University news

Oxford
Miss Catherine Eva Pestell, an Assistant Under Secretary of State at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, has been appointed Principal of Somerville College, Oxford. She will succeed Miss Daphne Park, who will retire after nine years on October 1, 1989.

New College Cardiff

The principal, Mr William Hoole, is pleased to announce that the following were successful in the New College School Scholarship Examination:

Stuart James, Llanilltud Faerdref Junior Church Village, Pontypridd; James Hackman, Gwaun Celyn, Tonteg, Mid-Glamorgan; Christopher Monteiro, Porth Junior Mixed, Porth; Rareen Shah, Gwaunfarren Primary School, Merthyr Tydfil; Natalie Richards, Llancaeach Junior, Nelson, Treharris.

He is also pleased to announce that Sixth Form Scholarships for New College Cardiff, are to be awarded by open examination to be held on Saturday, May 7, 1988. Full details of these can be obtained upon application to the Principal's Secretary.

Lord Ramsey of Canterbury

The funeral service for Lord Ramsey of Canterbury will be held in Canterbury Cathedral at 3.00 on Wednesday, May 4. Cabinet, former Cabinet Ministers and members of both Houses of Parliament who wish to attend are requested to inform the Dean's Secretary on 0227 762862. Official representatives, friends and others should notify the Dean's Office, Cathedral House, The Precincts, Canterbury, Kent CT1 2EH. Telephone 0227 762862. Notifications should be made no later than 4.00 on Friday, April 29.

The date and time of a memorial service, to be held in Westminster Abbey, will be announced later.

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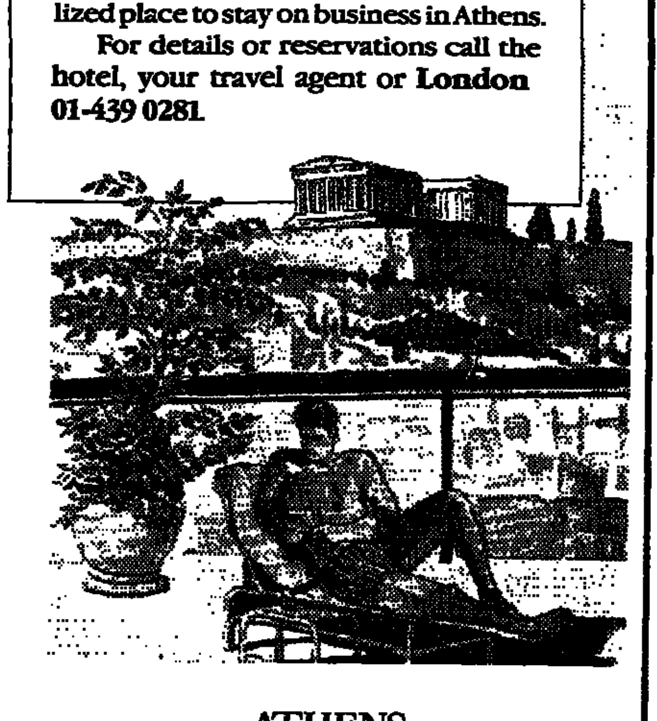

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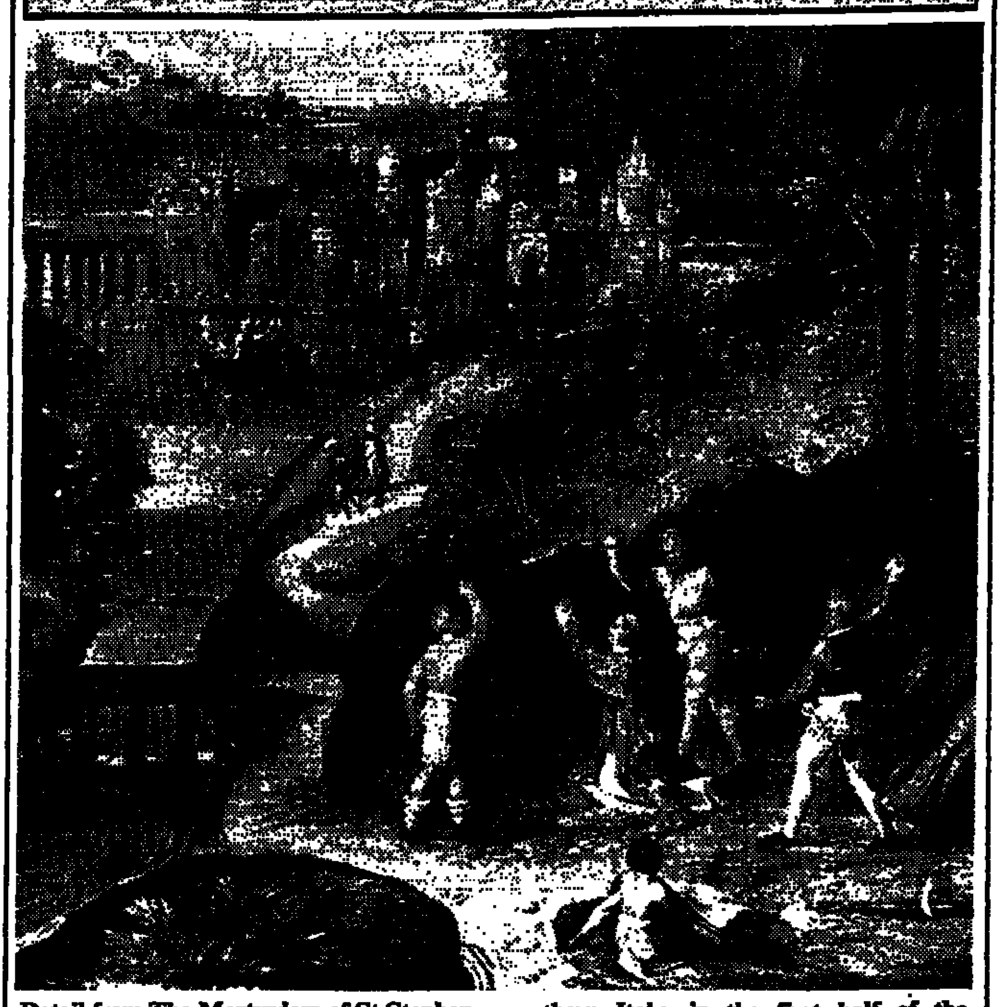


Detail from The Martyrdom of St Stephen, by Dosso Dossi (died 1542): The artist's interest in landscape almost overwhelms the subject of the painting, the death of the protomartyr.

The canvas, measuring 80 by 90 cms, is richly coloured and detailed. Dossi was the principal member of a gifted and original school of painters based in Ferrara, northern Italy, in the first half of the sixteenth century and he is known to have collaborated with his brother, Battista Dossi, who worked in a similar style.

The painting is on show at the Thyssen-Bornemisza Collection of Old Masters, sponsored by The Times, at the Royal Academy until June 12.

Marriages

Mr M.J.A. Church and Miss F. Stirratt
The marriage took place on Saturday, April 23, at Fulford Methodist Chapel, York, of Mr Michael Church, son of Mr W. Church and Mrs C. Alsop, to Miss Fiona Stirratt, youngest daughter of the late Mr W. Stirratt and Mrs M. Stirratt.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her brother, Mr Craig Stirratt, was attended by Mrs Donna Deane, and Miss Nicola Stirratt. Mr Peter Soar was best man.

Dr R. Fisher and Miss A.E. Scrutton
The marriage took place on Saturday, April 16, at St Mary's Church, Bampton, Oxfordshire, of Dr Robert Fisher, of Sydney, Australia, to Miss Amanda Elizabeth Scrutton, youngest daughter of Mrs Robin Johnston, of The Grange, Bampton, Oxfordshire. The Rev Graham Williams officiated.

The bride, who was given away by her grandfather, was attended by Molly Stevenson, Susannah Lempriere, Louise Milln, Isabelle Taylor, Tiffany Seaward and William and Georgie Wells. Mr Marcus Collins was best man.

Mr G.M.J. Morrison and Mrs P.A. Vanrenen
The marriage took place yesterday, in Melton Mowbray, between Mr Guy Morrison and Mrs Penelope Vanrenen.

Mr A.M.R. Gilchrist and Miss C.M. O'Hea
The marriage took place on Saturday, April 9, at the Church of the Holy Ghost, the Franciscan Friary, Chilworth, Surrey, of Mr Adam Munn Renshaw Gilchrist, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Roderick Munn Renshaw Gilchrist, of Sion Hill, Garstang, Lancashire, and Miss Claire Mary O'Hea, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Alan O'Hea, of Tor Hatch, Shere, Surrey. Father Kevin Taggart, OSB, officiated assisted by Father Sylvester, OFM.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Tania Martin, Emily Lamb, Cressida Reading and her nephews, James and Harry O'Reilly. The bridegroom's brother, Mr Luke Ronald Renshaw Gilchrist, was best man.

Mr E. Schwartz and Miss A.M. Bond
The marriage took place on Saturday, at the English-Speaking Union in New York City, of Mr Evan Schwartz, younger son of Mrs Yetta Schwartz and of the late Morris Schwartz, of Los Angeles, California, to Miss Alison Mary Bond, daughter of Mrs I.D. Bond and of the late Lieutenant-Colonel C.E. Bond, formerly of Chipstead, Surrey.

Forthcoming marriages

Commander M.P. Glancy, RN and Miss M.J. Lakin
The engagement is announced between Michael, son of Mrs Phoebe Glancy, of Sheet, Petersfield, and the late Major T.R. Glancy, and Mary-Jane, daughter of Sir Michael and Lady Lakin, of Torwood Farm, South Africa.

Mr C.D.B. Atkinson and Miss A.J. Thrower
The engagement is announced between Charles, son of Mr D.M. Atkinson, Warborough, Oxfordshire, and of Mrs N.P.D. Lawson, Chobham, Surrey, and Annabel, daughter of Mr and Mrs H.R. Thrower, The Old Rectory, Hannington, Hampshire.

Mr M.S. Gottlieb and Miss B. Cave
The engagement is announced between Michael, eldest son of Mr Stephen Gottlieb, of Chelsea, London, and Mrs Sheelagh Payne, of East Horsley, Surrey, and Belinda, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Ian McClellan Cave, of Pyrford, Surrey.

Mr D.W.S. Grills and Miss F.C. Soley
The engagement is announced between Dana, only son of Major K.S. Grills, of Ottawa, Canada, and Mrs O. Grills, of Cannes, France, and Frances, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs W. Soley, of Rutherglen, Glasgow.

Mr S.W.F. Hewitt and Miss A.T. Payne
The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Mr and Mrs P.N. Hewitt, of Bolton, and Ann, daughter of Mr and Mrs R.J.T. Payne, of Surfers Paradise, Queensland, Australia.

The Rev D. King and Miss P.M. Witham
The engagement is announced between David, son of Mrs Irene King, of Blenheim Gardens, Southampton, and Pamela Mary, daughter of Mr Ray Witham and the late Mrs Mary Witham, of Porlock Weir.

Mr D.J. Mace and Miss P.H.I. St Blaize-Molony
The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr J.K. Mace, of Harrow on the Hill, and Mrs I.E. Mace, of Chelsea, and Pagan, youngest daughter of Dr R.T. St Blaize-Molony, of Fordwich, Kent, and Mrs J. Hidderley, of Wolston, Warwickshire.

The Rev C.M.R. Pemberton and Miss T.M.E. Wolff
The engagement is announced between Crispin, younger son of Mr Oliver Pemberton, of Leamington Spa, Warwickshire, and the late Mrs Elizabeth Pemberton, and Ilse, eldest daughter of Herr Michael Wolff and Frau Hannele Wolff, of Mainz, Federal Republic of Germany.

Mr G.M. Rowland and Miss M.E. Ward
The engagement is announced between Gavin Michael, son of Mr A.T.M. Rowland, of Piccotts End, Hertfordshire, and Mrs M.L. Rowland, of Rye, East Sussex, and Muriel Elaine, second daughter of Mr and Mrs R.W. Ward, of Bobcaygeon, Ontario, Canada.

Today's royal engagements

The Prince of Wales, President of the Prince's Trust, will open the International Exhibition of Scientific and Photographic Equipment at the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre, SW1, at 10.20 to mark Canon's fiftieth anniversary; and, as Joint Patron of the Atlantic College International Bhutan Expedition, will meet sponsors and members of the expedition at a reception at the New Zealand High Commission at 6.40.

The Princess of Wales will attend the gala premiere of *Wall Street* at the Odeon Cinema, Haymarket, at 8.00 in aid of Aids Crisis Trust.

The Princess Royal, Assistant of the Loriners' Company, will attend a quarterly Court meeting and luncheon at Armourers' Hall at 10.15; as President of the Missions to Seamen, will visit the Country Town Fair at 3.25 organized by the Rayleigh branch of the Missions to Seamen in Essex; and, as President of the British Olympic Association, will attend a reception given by the local group of the British Olympic Appeal at Guildhall, Southampton, at 6.00.

The Duke of Gloucester, Patron of the International Council on Monuments and Sites, United Kingdom National Committee, will attend the annual meeting in St Paul's Cathedral at 3.00.

The Duchess of Gloucester will open the Brian Jackson National Children's Centre, New North Parade, Huddersfield, at 3.00; and will visit Kirkwood Hospice, Huddersfield, at 4.00.

Prince Michael of Kent, a Trustee of the National Motor Museum, will attend a trustees meeting at Blackbushe, Surrey, at 10.30.

Dinners

English Chamber Orchestra and Music Society
The Prince of Wales, Patron of the English Chamber Orchestra and Music Society, was guest of honour at a dinner given last night at the Barbican Centre after a fund-raising concert in aid of the English Chamber Orchestra and Music Society. Miss Patricia Rawlings was in the chair.

Constantinian Order of St George
The Duke of Calabria was the guest of honour at a dinner given by the Knights of the Sacred Military Constantinian Order of St George at Brooks's last night. Lord Mowbray and Stourton, president, welcomed the guests who included:

The Apostolic Pro-Nuncio, the Duke of St Albans, the Marquess and Marchioness of Salisbury, Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, CH, and Lady Hailsham, the Hon John Jolliffe, the Hon James Stourton, the Hon Andrew and Lady Charlotte Fraser, Lady Moncreiffe of that Ilk, Sir Bernard and Lady de Hoghton, the York Herald of Arms and Lady Hilda Swan, the Norroy and Ulster King of Arms and Mrs Brooke-Little, the Lord Great Chamberlain of the House of Bourbon of the Two Sicilies, Mr Peter Drummond-Murray of Mastrick, the Captain Clanranald and Mrs Macdonald of Clanranald, Mr and Mrs Reresby Sitwell, Lieutenant-Colonel J H Allason, Count Ciechanowiecki, Senhor Manuel Corte Real and Prince Adam Czartoryski.

Royal Society of Health
Mr E.V. Finn, Chairman of the Council of the Royal Society of Health, accompanied by Mrs Finn, received the guests at the annual dinner held last night at the Royal Society.

Commonwealth Press Union
The annual dinner of the Commonwealth Press Union was held last night at the Royal Over-Seas League. Mr David Owen, MP, was principal guest and speaker. Others present were:

The Deputy High Commissioner for Kenya, the Deputy High Commissioner for Australia and Mrs Evans, Lord and Lady Ardwick, Irene Lady Astor, Lady Barnetson, Lady Brittain, Sir Edward and Lady Pickering, Mr Lyle Turnbull, chairman of council, and Mrs Turnbull, Mr and Mrs Richard Winfrey and delegates to the 78th annual meeting of the CPU.

Banquet

Lord Mayor

The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress gave the Easter banquet at the Mansion House last night in honour of members of the Diplomatic Corps and their ladies. The speakers were the Lord Mayor, the High Commissioner for Cyprus and Sir Geoffrey Howe, QC, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs. The guests included:

The Lord President of the Council and Mrs Wakeham, the Speaker and Mrs Weatherill, the Lord Chamberlain and the Countess of Airlie, ambassadors, high commissioners, charges d'affaires and agents-general, Lord Glenarthur, Sir Gilbert and Lady Inglefield, Sir Hugh and Lady Wontner, Sir Murray Fox, Miss A M Fox, Lady Howe, Mr Timothy Eggar, MP, and Mrs Eggar, Sir Patrick and Lady Wright, Air Chief Marshal Sir John and Lady Gingell, the Marshal of the Diplomatic Corps and Lady Richards, Sir Colin and Lady Cole, Sir Robin and Lady Brook, Mr and Mrs Ian Allan, Mr and Mrs James Forbes, Mr and Mrs A C Galsworthy, Mr and Mrs R E H Hadingham, the Vice-Marshal of the Diplomatic Corps and Mrs Hervey, Mr and Mrs Roger Mitchell, Captain and Mrs M A Pearey, Mr and Mrs R C Poulton, Miss Alexandra Spratt and Mr and Mrs Anthony Webb-Bowen.

Birthdays today

Professor Muriel Bradbrook, former Mistress, Girton College, Cambridge, 79; Air Marshal Sir Charles Broughton, 77; Sir Ross Chesterman, former warden, Goldsmith's College, 79; Professor G.S. Graham, historian, 85; Mr Peter Imbert, Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, 55; the Right Rev E.W. Kemp, Bishop of Chichester, 73; Air Marshal Sir Ronald Lees, 78; Sir Harry Melville, former principal, Queen Mary College, 80; Mr Jack Nicholson, actor, 51; Professor Sir Richard Norman, Chief Scientific Adviser, MOD, 56; Mr Igor Oistrakh, violinist, 57; Mr Alan Reynolds, painter, 62; Miss Sheila Scott, aviator, 61; Lord Taylor of Gryfe, 76; Sir John Thomson, diplomat, 61.

Textile Institute

The following have been elected fellows:

Mr N Burhouse (Huddersfield), Mr D C Cressy (Macclesfield), Mr K C Duffy (Dewsbury), Mr A W Timson (Hinckley), Mr D Wadsworth (Huddersfield) and Dr I Wroe (Bolton).

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Jan van Goyen, painter and etcher, The Hague, 1656; Mary Wollstonecraft Godwin, pioneer of women's rights, London, 1759; Charles Robert Cockerell, architect, London 1788; Herbert Spencer, philosopher, Derby, 1820; Ulysses Grant, general, C-in-C of Union forces in American Civil War, 18th president of the USA 1869-77, Point Pleasant, Ohio, 1822; Edward Whymper, first man to climb the Matterhorn, London, 1840; Cecil Day-Lewis, Poet Laureate and, as Nicholas Blake, writer of dective stories, Ballintubbert, Co Laois, Ireland, 1904.

DEATHS: James Bruce, explorer in Africa, Larbert, 1794; Sir William Jones, Orientalist, Calcutta, 1794; William Macready, actor-manager, Cheltenham, 1873; Ralph Waldo Emerson, philosopher and poet, Concord, Massachusetts, 1882; Alexander Scriabin, composer, Moscow, 1915; Hart Crane, poet, Garrettsville, Ohio, 1932; Kwame Nkrumah, first president of Ghana 1960-66, Bucharest, 1972.

During the Spanish Civil War, Guernica was bombed by German planes, 1937.

OBITUARY

REAR-ADMIRAL IAIN MACLEAN of PENNYCROSS

Restoring mobility to the Fleet

Rear-Admiral Iain Maclean of Pennycross, CB, OBE, who died on April 17, at the age of 85, was the engineer officer who played the decisive role in updating the Royal Navy's propulsion technology, to give the Fleet the operational flexibility it enjoys today.

This kind of flexibility was not always a thing to be taken for granted. When the US Navy entered the last war, forward-looking engineers like Maclean were pained to find how poorly the Royal Navy fared by the side of its much younger ally, in terms of its ability to stay at sea for long periods.

After the war he therefore determined to discard obsolete machinery in HM ships to give all new construction much greater range and endurance on station.

Iain Gilleasbuig Maclean was born on November 25, 1902, and joined the Navy in 1916. During the Second World War he served in Combined Operations, and from 1941 to 1943, as engineer officer of the battlecruiser, *Renown*.

After the war he commanded the stokers's school at Torpoint and was at the Imperial Defence College.

He retired from the Navy as deputy Engineer-in-Chief of the Fleet, in 1955, and from 1956 to 1960, was Director of Marine Development, at the Brush Group. He leaves his second wife, Nancy Margaret.

Vice Admiral Louis Le Bailly writes:

There are many aspects of Admiral Maclean's several great services to the Royal Navy, but perhaps the one that should be remembered most is his contribution to the restoration of mobility to the British Fleet — the mobility that eventually made the Falklands campaign possible.

The arrival of the US Navy in the North Atlantic in 1942, and still more its performance in the Pacific campaign, brought home to Maclean, and the small but brilliant naval and civilian engineering team he had gathered around him, how far behind the Royal Navy was in what Fleet Admiral King, USN, described to Congress as "mobility, the prime asset".

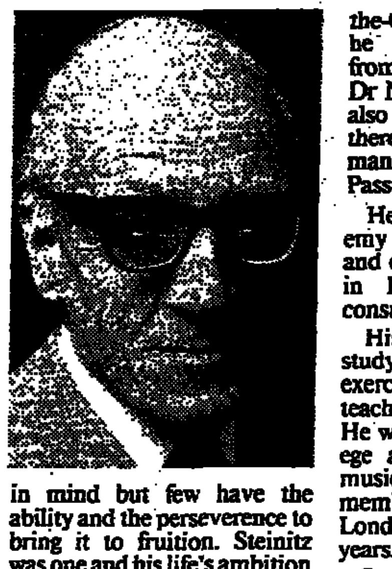
There were many hurdles to be overcome in discarding the boiler and turbine designs of a rather moribund shipbuilding industry; in substituting the potential available in the forward-looking electrical generation industry; in educating a naval staff largely devoid of vision or technological understanding; and not least in overcoming the initially very conservative outlook of Maclean's own naval engineering hierarchy.

Each hurdle was, in turn, surmounted. Maclean was helped by the advent into positions of authority of the first Selborne/Fisher trained (E) specialists, as well as Battenberg's Mate Scheme, by the unstinting help of the US Navy, and, not least, by the unselfish understanding of Sir Harold Yarrow, whose father, the founder of that great firm, had done much the same for the Admiralty forty years before.

In his biography of Fleet Admiral Nimitz, Professor Potter records that. Admiral Sir Bruce Fraser first offered the British Pacific Fleet for only eight days each month in the forward battle area. Although through the efforts of the engineering staffs this figure was often greatly exceeded, ships of the US Fleet were routinely available and ready for action for ninety days or more.

That the Royal Navy in the Falklands could equal and even surpass such a supremely important operational capability can be directly attributed to Maclean and his team, and to others inspired by Maclean's example who strove towards the same goal through gas turbines and nuclear power, all of them with the help of the Yarrow-Admiralty Research Department (Y-ARD), the brainchild of Maclean and Sir Harold Yarrow.

DR PAUL STEINITZ



Dr Paul Steinitz, OBE, who was one of the leading British authorities on the music of Johann Sebastian Bach, died on April 22, aged 78.

He founded the London Bach Society in 1947. At that time, the Baroque Movement had barely begun in England, in fact it was Dr Steinitz's performances which greatly helped the movement along.

One of his contemporaries in his student days had been Walter Emery who eventually became a leading authority on Bach and influenced Steinitz greatly. He consulted him on textual matters and those of style and performance. His determination to seek out the authentic way of performing Bach occupied the rest of his life.

He was never afraid to experiment but it was always the expressive intention of the movement that was uppermost.

He founded the Steinitz Bach Players in 1969 but was wise enough not to use baroque instruments until musicians had become sufficiently proficient on them. He trusted his players and would ask their opinions on interpretations rather than tell them how to play.

He treated his fellow singers in the same way and therefore obtained good performances

He took his singers and players to most European countries including those behind the Iron Curtain and to the USA.

Many people begin their lives with some great project in mind but few have the ability and the perseverence to bring it to fruition. Steinitz was one and his life's ambition — to perform all the Bach cantatas — was fulfilled. The performances spanned 30 years and there was not much time to spare as the series was completed only four months before his death.

Steinitz had entered the Royal Acamedy of Music in the late 1920s and learned the Bach organ works under Stanley Marchant.

Although he was an outstanding student, passing his FRCO within six months of gaining the ARCO, he was also a fine pianist, giving a mature performance of Brahms's Opus 117 at an academy concert.

He held various church appointments whilst working for his DMus, and was fortunate to be appointed director of music at St Bartholomew-the-Great, Smithfield, where he received encouragement from the incumbent, the Rev Dr N. B. Wallbank, who was also a keen musician. It was there that all his early performances of Bach's St Matthew Passion were given.

He went back to the academy as professor of harmony and composition in 1945 and in 1984 was appointed a consultant professor.

His students were taught to study music rather than write exercises, as the titles of his teaching publications show. He went to Goldsmith's College as principal lecturer in music in 1968 and was a member of the Senate of London University for 18 years.

Steinitz was a modest person and perhaps sometimes took the opinions of others too much to heart. His sense of humour smoothed away problems at rehearsals and his musicians appreciated the integrity which illuminated all his work.

Although he was gregarious and a good companion, his needs were modest and he never seemed to worry about money, except for his concerts.

His interest apart from his music was in his garden where he followed the latest organic principles. He was made an OBE in 1985, the tercentenary year of Bach's birth.

He is survived by his wife who looked after the administrative side of the concerts and two sons and a daughter of previous marriages.

MR ERIC LISTER

Mr Eric Lister, who had succcessful careers as London art gallery owner, jazz musician, motor car enthusiast, traveller and author has died at the age of 62.

Lister had a colourful life and the highlight of his worldwide travels was the journey he made with his friend, S. J. Perelman, the American humourist writer, in the mid seventies from London to China in a vintage MG. It aimed to retrace the famous Paris to Peking race of 1912. This journey, and other hilarious escapades with Perelman around the world, Lister turned into amusing books, one called *Don't Mention the Marx Brothers*.

As a jazz musician, Lister was a clarinet player in the style of Pee Wee Russell and for a decade was considered one of the best blues singers in this country.

Lister also knew how to exploit his keen interest in naive art, becoming in 1960 one of the three founders of the Portal Gallery in Bond Street, pioneering the market in naive, primitive and fantasy art.

He was later joint author with Sheldon Williams of *Twentieth Century British Naive and Primitive Painters.*

Lister had first got to know Sid Perelman after he had come into the London gallery to buy a naive painting.

A friend of Ken Russell, Lister encouraged him to make television films which featured one of the principal painters he showed at the Portal Gallery, the late James Lloyd, playing first himself and then the French painter "Douanier" Rousseau.

Lister had first arrived on the London scene in the fifties after serving in the Merchant Navy during the Second World War.

He was married briefly to the actress, Renny Lister.

LANNY ROSS

Lanny Ross, the American actor and singer, whose smooth tenor voice made him one of the most popular stars of radio's golden era, died on April 25, aged 82.

Ross, whose theme song was "Moonlight and Roses," was in his heyday in the Thirties and Forties on shows such as "Showboat." His romantic style earned him the nickname, "Troubadour of the Moon".

Ross appeared with Irving Berlin and Bob Hope overseas during the war, and starred in early television shows.

Jean Gascon, artistic director at Stratford, Ontario, from 1969 to 1974, died on April 20, aged 67.

A native of Montreal, he had spent 19 seasons at Stratford, and in 1959 he founded Montreal's Théatre du Nouveau Monde, which has since become one of Canada's premier acting groups.

Archaeology

Tree-ring dating for mansion

By Norman Hammond, Archaeology Correspondent

Counting tree-rings has enabled a Cumbrian landowner to date part of his stately home to the beginning of the 17th century, in spite of expert opinion that it was Victorian in date. A beam found in recent excavations was compared to a master tree-ring chronology in Belfast, and found to come from a tree planted in 1425 and felled around 1618.

Brougham Hall stands on the old border of Cumberland and Westmorland, close to the site of the Battle of Clifton Moor, the last to be fought on English soil, in 1745. According to Mr Christopher Terry, the owner, the house was dismissed by Sir Nikolaus Pevsner as "a Victorian Gothic pile", although a structure including a "hall, fyne house, byre and meldoer" was marked on a map of 1672.

A print of 1700 suggested that a tower existed once, just over 20 feet square: excavations last year showed that the remains included both medieval and Victorian features, including early windows, Tudor bricks and 19th century plaster. A date of some, but uncertain, antiquity was indicated.

Luckily, the discoveries included a big oak beam, 18 feet long and a foot square, which had fallen from its sockets. It had been notched to take floor joists, but had no other cuts, so was not a recycled ship's timber and had probably been made specifically for Brougham Hall.

Mr Terry obtained funding for a dendrochronological date to be assessed at Queen's University, Belfast, where Dr Michael Baillie, of the Palaeoecology Centre, has put together an oak tree-ring sequence thousands of years in length, from beams in buildings and "bog oaks" preserved by waterlogging. The funds came from a special fund established by Lloyds Bank to help amateur archaeologists.

Dr Baillie reported that the beam had 161 annual rings, and was probably planted in 1425; because the sapwood had been trimmed off the felling date could not be precisely obtained, but lay between 1609 and 1627.

"It would have been incorporated into the tower at the beginning of the seventeenth century", said Mr Terry. "Pele towers fell into disuse after the union of the English and Scottish crowns in 1603." Such towers are common in the Borders, where they provided fortified bases for local landowners to raid, and resist raids from their neighbours.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & PERSONAL

Yet the Lord will command his loving kindness in the daytime, and in the night his song shall be with me, and my prayer unto the God of my life.
Psalm 42: 8.

BIRTHS

ALLINSON - On April 21st, in Hamburg, to Jill (née Conyers) and Graeme, a daughter, Shiona, a sister for David.

ASHENDEN - On April 26th 1988, to Lewis and Janet (née Jones) a daughter, Danielle Beth.

BACON - On April 22nd, to Susan (née Sullivan) and Timothy, a son, Jacob Nicholas Sullivan, a brother to Nathan.

BLACK - On April 25th, in Norwich, to Fiona (née Procter) and Peter, twin daughters, sisters for Valentine, Jonathan and Rosemary.

CORAM JAMES - On Saturday April 23rd, at the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, Caroline and John, a son, Edward Alexander John, a brother for Henry and Clementine.

FEATHERBY - On March 31st, to Clare (née Posgate) and William, a daughter, Elizabeth Anne, a sister for Francis, Victoria and George.

GRANT - On April 22nd, to Lucinda and Richard, a daughter, Charlotte Mary.

HODGSON - On April 21st, at Queen Mary's, Roehampton, to Lynne and Martin, a daughter, Bethany Lauren, a sister for Charlotte, and an elder cousin for Jack Wauters.

HUNT - On April 23rd, at Bath, to Catharine (née Darby) and Richard, a son.

JONES - On April 20th 1988, to Jane and Gregory, a daughter, Eleanor Jane Veronica.

MACKINNON - On April 20th 1988, at Simpson Memorial Maternity Pavilion, Edinburgh, to Pamela and Calum, a daughter, Caroline Emily.

MINISTER - On April 18th to Sarah (née Line) and Paul, a son, Daniel James.

MULLINS - On April 24th, to Caroline (née Stonehill) and Keith, a daughter, Antonia, a sister for Jessica.

O'ROURKE - See Jones.

POLAK - On Saturday April 23rd, to Victoria (née Leitch) and Charles, a daughter, Sophie Jane Elisabeth.

PRAGER - On April 18th, to Gillian (née Biggs) and Michael, a daughter, Heidi Victoria.

ROPNER - On April 26th 1988, to Johanna and Robert, a son, Robert Angus.

SUTTON - On April 23rd, in Dorchester, to Jane (née Bird) and Richard, a daughter, Sophie Georgina Elizabeth.

TOWNSEN - On April 12th, at W.L.H., to Chrissie (née Barker) and Mike, a daughter, Georgina Sarah, a sister for Luke.

TREVOR-JONES - On April 25th, to Carolyn (née Law) and Hugh, a son, Guy Francis, a brother for Harry.

VON EINSIEDEL - On April 12th, in London, to Harriet (née Duckworth) and Andreas, a son.

WAUTERS - On April 22nd, to Caroline and Robert, a son Jack Gordon, a brother for Hannah and Eleanor.

WEISS - On April 25th, to Elizabeth and Robert, a son, Matthew James, a brother of Joanna.

WHITE - On April 12th, 1988, to Tanya (née Krikorian) and Peter-John, a son, Edmund Randolph.

WILKINS - On April 14th, to Sarah (née Organ) and Grant, a son, Oliver George Edmund, a brother for James.

ADOPTIONS

EDMONDS - On April 11th 1988, Daisy Bethan Florence, aged 8½ months, became daughter to Robin and Stephanie and sister to Harry.

MARRIAGES

GARDNER:COWLARD - On April 8th 1988, Gretna, Scotland, Clyde to Margarette, of Nottingham.

YORATH:HAVILAND - On Sunday April 24th, 1988, at St Mary's Church, Battersea, London, Martin Charles Yorath to Angela Helen Haviland.

DEATHS

BARNARD - On Sunday April 24th, quietly, Gwen, aged 76 years, beloved sister of Muriel Worrall and of the late Tom and Geoffrey Barnard. Beloved aunt, godmother and friend. Cremation at Golders Green Crematorium, East Chapel, on Thursday April 28th at 12.15 pm. No flowers please but donations if desired to The Artists General Benevolent Institution, Burlington House, Piccadilly, London W1V ODJ.

BROOKS - On April 13th, Barbara, peacefully at Twickenham, formerly of Finchampstead and Kensington. Much loved mother of Penelope, Prudence and Felicity. Funeral service on 28th April at Mortlake crematorium.

CLAYTON - On April 23rd, 1988, suddenly, John Oswald, aged 26 years. Dearly beloved son of John Clayton of Hong Kong and Joan de Senneville of Johannesburg. Memorial Service at Chelsea Old Church at 4 pm, Tuesday May 3rd.

COUGHLIN - On April 21st, Frank Henry William Coughlin-Optician, peacefully at St. Raphael's Hospice. After a long illness borne with courage. Beloved husband of Kathleen, father of Linda, Patricia and Anthony and much loved grandfather. Requiem Mass to be held on April 29th at St. Cecilia's, North Cheam, at 10.00am. Followed by a burial service at Sutton Cemetery, Sutton Common Road. Donations if desired to St. Raphael's Hospice, North Cheam.

DEAN - On April 25th 1988, quietly in hospital, Lt Colonel Tom Dean O.B.E., R. Anglian, loved husband of Jane, father of Annie, Patrick, Robert (elder son of Mrs Hilda Dean). Private cremation. Memorial service to be arranged. Donations if desired for King's Medical Research Trust may be sent c/o L Fulcher Ltd, 80 Whiting Street, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk.

EASTWOOD - On April 13th 1988, in a car accident, Robin Broughton at Accra, Ghana. Dear husband of Janet, son of Betty, father of Thomas and Timothy. Funeral at 2pm on Tuesday May 3rd at Chichester Crematorium. No flowers please. Donations, if wished, to RAF Benevolent Fund, 67 Portland Place, London W1N 4AR.

FAREWELL JONES - On April 24th 1988, peacefully in Sidmouth, Anne aged 92 years, much loved and respected by many. Funeral private.

FOSTER - On April 24th 1988, peacefully at The Sevenoaks Heritage Nursing Home, aged 96, Vera Helen. Dearly loved widow of Geoff (G.N.) and much loved mother of Peter and Rosemary, their children and grandchildren. Service at Guildford Crematorium, on Tuesday May 3rd at 3.30pm. Donations, if desired, to King Edward VII's Hospital for Officers, No 2 Beaumont Street Appeal. Funeral Directors, W Hodges, Sevenoaks. Tel: 0732 454487.

GOSS - On April 24th, peacefully in Bristol after a long illness. Arthur Norman, husband of Joyce and loving father and grandfather. Cremation at South Bristol Crematorium, Bedminster Down, on Tuesday May 3rd at 12.00 noon. No flowers. Donations if desired to Quaker Peace and Service, Friends House, Euston Road, London NW1.

HARRISON - On Saturday April 23rd, suddenly, Tom, aged 77 of Beverley, much loved husband of the late Gerrie and dear father of Gerald, Mavora and Rosemary and devoted grandfather. Funeral service at Beverley Minster on Thursday April 28th at 2.30pm followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to North Humberside Hospice Project, Dove House, Beverley Road, Hull.

HENDERSON - On April 19th, Belinda. Funeral at Hampstead Parish Church, Church Row on April 29th at 10.30 am. Flowers to Levertons, 181 Haverstock Hill, NW3 by Thursday afternoon.

HEWSON - On April 21st 1988, suddenly but painlessly aged 67 years, Arthur Hewson. Dearly loved husband of Dorothy May, father of Kevin, Ian and Sarah, and theirs, Barbara, Lucy and Andrew. Very proud grandfather to Adam. Will always be remembered as Young and Active. Funeral service at Kingston Crematorium, Thursday April 28th 11.30 am. Any donations to British Heart Foundation.

HODGES - On April 24th, suddenly at home in Linton, aged 43, Charles Frederick, dearly beloved husband of Lesley, and devoted and loving father of Claire and Rupert. Requiem Mass will be held at The Church of the Holy Name, Otley Old Road, Leeds 16 on Friday at 11am, followed by interment at Stonefall Cemetery, Harrowgate. Flowers may be sent to the private chapels of Wm. Dodgson & Son, Lupton Avenue, Leeds 9 before 9.15 am.

HUNTER - On April 25th 1988, peacefully at St Mary's Hospital Eastbourne, after an illness borne courageously, Hilda (Honey) aged 81. Beloved by family and friends. Family flowers only. Funeral service at Eastbourne Crematorium on Wednesday May 4th at 12.30pm. Enquiries to Co-Operative Funeral Service. Tel: 0323 34482.

JUDD - On April 23rd, Alan Langley aged 78, peacefully. Cremation service at Golders Green crematorium on Wednesday May 4th at 10.45am. Enquiries to Leverton & Sons, tel:01-586-4221.

LAWSON - On April 20th, at Hertingfordbury Park house, aged 88 years, Dr. Alec Lawson, Medical Practitioner in Sloane Street and Streatham. Much loved father of Anna and Stuart, remembered with affection and respect by his many friends and patients. Funeral to take place at Putney Vale Crematorium on Thursday April 28th at 2.30 pm. Flowers and enquiries to Alfred Scales Ltd, Funeral Directors 0992 582052.

LEPPER - On April 22nd 1988, peacefully at home, Brook Cottage, Dalwood, Elinor, widow of Captain C.W. Lepper R.N., and mother of Desmond and Barbara. Funeral service at Dalwood Church on Wednesday May 4th at 2pm, followed by interment of cremated remains. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired for Dalwood Church Fabric Fund, c/o W.G. Potter & son, 1 West Street, Axminster.

MacCARTHY - On April 24th 1988, Frank Desmond MacCarthy O.B.E., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., aged 83, beloved husband of Cynthia. Funeral private. No flowers or letters by request. Donations if desired can be sent to The Friends of The Moore Cottage Hospital, Bourton-on-the-Water, Gloucestershire, or King Edward VII Hospital for Officers, Beaumont St, London W1.

MCNAMARA - On April 19th 1988, Robert, son of Fern and brother to Bib and Anna. Funeral on Friday 29th April, at St. Margaret's Roman Catholic Church, Twickenham at 10 am. Rest in peace.

NIANIAS - On April 21st, 1988, peacefully at home, Agnes Denholm, at Chelsea SW10. Funeral at Putney Vale Crematorium on Wednesday April 27th at 11.00 am.

O'DOWD - On April 19th, in San Diego, Margaret, beloved wife of the late Eoin O'Dowd of Guyana, and loving aunt to all her nieces and nephews.

PILKINGTON - On March 31st 1988, peacefully at Stokefield Nursing Home, Miss Kathleen Allison an Artist lately of The Mount, St Johns Hill Road, Woking and formerly of Malta. Cremation has taken place. Any enquiries to Messrs. John Turner & Partners. Tel. 04862 70708.

PULLING - On April 22nd, in a London Hospital, Martin John Langley Pulling C.B.E., F.I.E.E., M.A. Deeply loved and very devoted husband of Yvonne, after an illness and disability courageously borne. Funeral Service at St Simon Zelotes, Milner St, SW3, on Friday April 29th at 11.00am, followed by Private Cremation. Flowers to Kenyons, 74 Rochester Row, SW1, by 10.00am, or donations to the Forces Help Society, 122 Brompton Rd London SW3.

RAMSEY - On April 23rd, peacefully, at St. John's Home, St. Mary's Road, Oxford. The Most Rev. and Rt. Hon. Lord Ramsey of Canterbury, aged 83 years. The funeral service will be held in Canterbury Cathedral on Wednesday May 4th, at 3 pm, followed by a private cremation. No flowers please, but donations if desired to the College of the Resurrection, Mirfield, West Yorkshire, or to the Archbishop Michael Ramsey Church of England School, Farmers Road, London SE5. The date of a Memorial Service at Westminster Abbey will be announced later.

REID - On April 25th 1988, peacefully at Edington Cottage Hospital, North Berwick, Jean Oliphant Blyth. Beloved wife of Campbell Reid, mother of David, Patricia, Denise and devoted granny of Jamie, Rosemary, Robbie, Melanie, Ben, John, Shane, David and Amanda. Funeral service in Mortonhall Crematorium Edinburgh, on Friday April 29th at 11.30 am to which all friends are invited. Family flowers only please.

SHARPE - On Friday April 22nd, peacefully after a short illness in the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford Mary, dear wife of the late James Sharpe of Stanford in the Vale, Oxfordshire. Funeral service to take place at St Deny's Church Stanford in the Vale, on Tuesday May 3rd at 11.30 am followed by cremation at Headington. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Mary's favourite charity The Red Cross, c/o HJ Knapp & Sons, Church St, Wantage, Oxfordshire.

SHAW - On April 23rd, in Whittington Hospital London, Charles Graham, aged 38, beloved son of Harold and the late Dorothy, and dear brother of Howard. Funeral Service at Golders Green Crematorium on Friday April 29th at 12.40pm.

STEINITZ - On April 21st, at home after a short illness, Dr. Paul Steinitz, O.B.E. Beloved and precious husband of Margaret, father of Nicholas, Richard and Felicity. Funeral on Tuesday May 3rd at 2.30pm, at Chichester Cathedral, followed by burial. All welcome. Flowers to Ebbutt Funeral service, High Street, Limpsfield Surrey, by 10am. Memorial service later.

van MILLINGEN - On April 22nd 1988, peacefully, Kathleen Maude (née Jackson) aged 85, formerley of Corbridge and Thailand. Beloved wife of the late Evelyn, much loved Mother of Pamela and Adrian, adored grandmother of Roger, Peter and Oliver Backhouse and her grandchildren and great grandchildren in Canada. Funeral at St. Marys Church, West Horsley, 11 a.m. Friday, April 29th. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to: British Retinitis Pigmentosa Society, C/O James & Thomas, West Horsley, Surrey. (04865) 4948.

WILLCOCK - On April 25th, at the Garden Hospital Hendon, Leonard aged 80, dearly loved husband of Mildred, dear father and grandfather and friend of many. Funeral at Breakspear Crematorium, Ruislip on Thursday April 28th at 11.30. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to Great Ormand Street Hospital.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

PAYNE - Charles Wreford. The funeral will take place in St David's Church, Barton St David, Somerset on Friday April 29th at 2pm. Funeral arrangements by G. Holland and Son, Street. Telephone 0458-42658.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

CARPMAEL - A thanksgiving for the life of Philip Carpmael will be held at St. Marys Church, Henley-On-Thames, at 3.30pm on Friday 29th April.

ROWE - A service of thanksgiving for the life of Professor Geoffrey Whaley Rowe will take place at St Francis Hall, at the University of Birmingham, on Saturday May 7th at 3.00 pm.

IN MEMORIAM - WAR

HMS PATIA - North sea 27th April 1941.

PHILLIPS - Godfrey killed in action HMS Patia 27th April 1941 aged 20. Pilot Fleet Air Arm, RNVR; only son of the late Greta (née Wharton) and Morris Godfrey Phillips (Pilot Royal Flying Corps 1914-1918) and brother of Nena.

IN MEMORIAM - PRIVATE

HOLMES - Roy Livingstone. Lovingly remembered on his birthday. Daphne, Penny and Andrew.

YEO - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Miss M.E.P. Yeo, will be held in the Chapel at Abbots Hill on Old Girl's Day, Saturday May 14th, at 2.30 pm.

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FREEZIAS and forget-me-nots, butterflies and golf, do you remember? I love you, Milanou xx

GOLFING. For your holiday needs, see UK Holidays, April 30th.

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Church news

Appointments

The Rev Clive F Andrews, Vicar, St Augustine, Honor Oak Park, diocese of Southwark: to be Team Rector designate, Honor Oak Park team ministry, same diocese.

The Rev Peter A Baldwin, Vicar, St Thomas, Pendleton, and Chaplain to Salford College of Technology, diocese of Manchester: to be also Priest-in-charge, St George with St Barnabas, Charlestown; and Team Rector designate of the proposed united benefice of St Thomas, Pendleton and St George with St Barnabas, Charlestown, same diocese.

The Rev John K Ball, Vicar, St Paul, Helsby, diocese of Chester: to be also Rural Dean of Frodsham, same diocese.

The Rev Neil A Barker, Rector, Bradfield, diocese of Oxford: to be also Priest-in-charge, Stanford Dingley, same diocese.

The Rev James R Bartlett, Rector, Gravesend Holy Family with Ifield, diocese of Rochester: to be Team Rector, Church of the Holy Spirit, Leicester, diocese of Leicester.

The Rev Noel Beattie, Priest-in-charge, Mears Ashby and Hardwick, and Industrial Chaplain, Northampton, diocese of Peterborough: to be Industrial Chaplain, Lincoln, diocese of Lincoln.

The Rev Neil Brunning, Vicar, All Saints, Cheadle Hulme, diocese of Chester: to be Vicar, Glentworth, diocese of Lincoln.

The Rev Colin with Calcott-James, Curate, North Hykeham All Saints with South Hykeham St Michael, diocese of Lincoln: to be Rector, All Saints, Barrowby, same diocese.

The Rev Robert B Cook, Vicar, Haltwhistle, diocese of Newcastle: to be also Rural Dean of Hexham, same diocese.

The Rev Anthony S Cave, Curate, Immingham, St Andrew, diocese of Lincoln: to be Vicar, Keelby St Bartholomew, Riby St Edmund, and Aylesby St Lawrence, same diocese.

The Rev Clive Clapson, Christ the King, Alpine, California, diocese of San Diego, USA: to be Assistant Curate, Holy Trinity, Hawley, Aldershot, diocese of Guildford.

The Rev Colin Craven, Curate, All Saints, Holbeach, diocese of Lincoln: to be Team Vicar, Grantham Team Ministry, same diocese.

The Rev Richard J Crew, Curate, Farnborough, diocese of Guildford: to be Team Vicar, Hermitage Team Ministry, diocese of Oxford.

The Rev Roger Curl, Assistant Curate, St Nicholas, Sevenoaks, diocese of Rochester: to be Vicar, St Mary, West Kensington, diocese of London.

Canon Malcolm D Emmel, Vicar, Upper Nidderdale, diocese of Ripon: to be Rector, Bedale, same diocese.

The Rev John Errington, Curate, Ponteland, diocese of Newcastle: to be Team Vicar, St Wilfrid's, Newbiggin Hall in the Whorlton Team, same diocese.

The Rev Graham C Edwards, Curate, Tamworth, diocese of Lichfield: to be Rector, Hertford, St Andrew, diocese of St Albans.

The Rev Kenneth W Farmer, Rector, Barney, Fulmodeston with Croxton, Hindringham and Thursford, diocese of Norwich: to be also Rural Dean of Holt, same diocese.

The Rev Martin M Field, Press Officer, diocese of Manchester: to be also Assistant Curate, All Saints, Stand, same diocese.

The Rev Ian N Fishwick, Vicar, Christ Church, Walshaw, diocese of Manchester: to be also Area Vocations Adviser, Archdeaconry of Bolton, same diocese.

The Rev Stuart Green, Curate, Boultham, Lincoln, diocese of Lincoln: to be Rector, Bardney St Lawrence, same diocese.

The Rev Julie Green, Curate, Lincoln St John Ermine, diocese of Lincoln: to be non-stipendiary minister, parish of Bardney, same diocese.

The Rev Michael Hardy: to be Assistant Curate, Holy Cross, Boultham, Lincoln, diocese of Lincoln.

Canon Derek J Hawksbee, Priest-in-charge, St Gabriel, Rutherfordton, diocese of Western North Carolina, USA: to be Vicar, East Ravendale, Grimsby, diocese of Lincoln.

The Rev Paul E Holden, Curate, Christ Church and St Stephen, and the United Church, Harpurhey, diocese of Manchester: to be Ecumenical Minister, The United Church, Harpurhey (Local Ecumenical Project), in the parish of St Stephen's, same diocese.

The Rev David A Knight, Assistant Curate, All Saints, Stretford, diocese of Manchester: to be Priest-in-charge, St George with St Barnabas, Charlestown, and Team Vicar designate of the proposed united benefice of St Thomas, Pendleton, and St George with St Barnabas, Charlestown, same diocese.

The Rev Reg Ladds: to be Honorary non-stipendiary Priest, St Anne, Turton, diocese of Manchester.

The Rev George C Macintosh, Vicar, St Timothy's, Crookes, Sheffield, diocese of Sheffield: to be Vicar, St John's Abbeydale, same diocese.

The Rev F Michael Massey, Rector, Walesby, diocese of Lincoln: to be also Rural Dean of Westwold, same diocese.

The Rev John McGrath, Assistant Curate, Holy Trinity, Horwich, diocese of Manchester: to be Priest-in-charge, St Andrew, Hillock (Local Ecumenical Project), same diocese.

The Rev Michael Nelson, Vicar, Blyth St Mary, diocese of Manchester: to be also Rural Dean of Bedlington, same diocese.

The Rev Brian Newton, Team Vicar, Great Coates, St Nicolas, diocese of Lincoln: to be Vicar, Burgh-le-Marsh group of parishes, same diocese.

The Rev Philip C F Norwood, Vicar, St Laurence-in-Thanet, and Rural Dean of Thanet, diocese of Canterbury: to be Vicar, Saints Mary and Nicolas, Spalding, diocese of Lincoln.

The Rev Barry O Oake, Curate, St Peter, Paul, Wantage, diocese of Oxford: to be Team Vicar designate, Warlingham with Chelsham and Farleigh (united benefice), diocese of Southwark.

The Rev George Pendleton, Incumbent, All Saints, Darlaston, and part-time Chaplain in the Black Country Urban Industrial Mission, diocese of Lichfield: to be Industrial Chaplain, Grimsby, diocese of Lincoln.

The Rev Jonathan Perry, Curate, Holy Trinity, Rayleigh, diocese of Chelmsford: to be Assistant Chaplain, St George's Hospital, Lincoln, diocese of Lincoln.

Luncheons

Law Society

Mr Derek Bradbeer, President of the Law Society, was host yesterday at a luncheon held at 60 Carey Street. Among those present were:

Lord Elwyn-Jones, CH, Mr R C Hampel, Brigadier D H Hodge, Mr W N M Lawrence, Mr Lionel Lightman, Mr Terence Shaw, Mr R K H Gaskell, Mr J W Hayes and Mr J A E Young.

Lunchtime Comment Club

Mr John Carlisle, MP, was the guest speaker at a luncheon given yesterday by the Lunchtime Comment Club at the Connaught Rooms. Mr William Horne, chairman, presided.

Service dinner

Essex Yeomanry

Major-General T.A. Richardson presided at the annual dinner of the Essex Yeomanry dinner club held last night at the Cavalry and Guards Club. Major-General P.W. Graham, GOC Eastern District, was the guest of honour.

Appointments

Latest appointments include:
The Rev John C. Corcoran, of Salford diocese, to succeed the late Monsignor Mark Swaby as National Director of the Pontifical Mission-Aid Societies of England and Wales.

Royal Geographical Society

Medals and awards

Special medal: National Geographical Society; Founder's medal: Professor P Hall (Reading); Patron's medal: Mr N de N Winser (Royal Geographical Society); Victoria medal: Professor B Berry (Texas); Busk medal: Dr M Coe (Oxford); Murchison award: Dr R Tomlinson (Canada); Back award: Dr D Cosgrove (Loughborough); Cuthbert Peek award: Dr J Wilkinson (Oxford); Gill award: Professor A Henderson-Sellers (Liverpool); Cherry Kearton medal and award: Dr B Washburn (Boston); Ness award: Dr J Matthews (Wales); Edward Heath award: Dr N Thrift (Bristol); honorary vice-president: Dr Helen Wallis (British Library).

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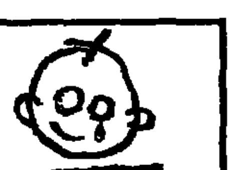

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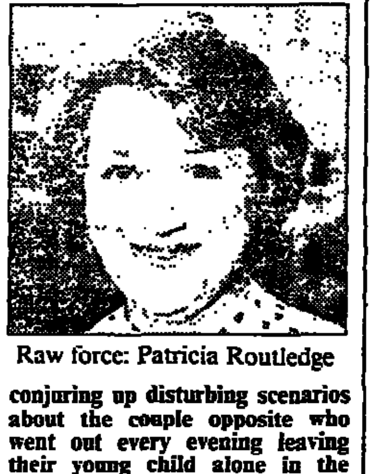
Singular success

A.J.P. Taylor, in his one-man history lectures, showed that there is nothing quite so effective on television as a single person talking to the viewer. It is surprising that the idea has taken so long to transfer from fact to fiction, but *Talking Heads* (BBC1), Alan Bennett's current series of monologues, is making the most of the idea.

Bennett's own appearance in the opening episode last week came close to self-parody, but Patricia Routledge in *A Lady of Letters* last night was vintage Bennett: whimsical, touching, proceeding from the bathetic to touch on the alarming with such raw force that she could have been a character from a Ruth Rendell novel.

Irene was that common phenomenon, a single unoccupied lady with no function in life other than to twitch the curtain and worry about the neighbours. But unlike those who just wonder, Irene wrote letters about it, with her trusty Platignum, in great profusion, conjuring up disturbing scenarios about the couple opposite who went out every evening leaving their young child alone in the house.


Raw force: Patricia Routledge

So, the couple turn out to be visiting their dying child in hospital; so there must be another scandal she can write letters about. Soon Irene is visited by social workers, the vicar, the police . . .

Patricia Routledge delivered Bennett's one-liners, strung together into mini-scenes and self-confrontations, with great poise, mixing uneasy conviction with total self-doubt. The central statement on life seemed to be: "I sometimes catch myself saying it'll be better the second time round, but this is it, this is my go". Irene was never chirpier than in the final scene in prison, having acquired skills, friends, and a social context.

Prison loomed large in the first of *The Cook Report* (ITV), which took our warm-hearted hero to Brazil and thence to Israel in search of stolen babies. A truly shocking story, but the fact that many of those involved were already behind bars (though they would admit nothing) took the edge off the investigation.

Interviews were short and incoherent; the confrontation between a real mother and the woman who had bought her baby was also notable for its lack of content, and the actual admission that the baby was stolen took place off camera. This was a more lurid and tabloid report than we have come to expect from Cook.

William Holmes

Japan has for long been an open market for Western theatre, although the approach often results in profound changes from original productions. **Marie Myerscough** reports on Tokyo's thriving and eclectic theatre scene

THEATRE

Remade in Japan

After his internationally-acclaimed *Macbeth* and *Medea* – seen in Edinburgh and London last year – director Yukio Ninagawa has done it again. This time his uniquely Japanese spotlight has been turned on Tennessee Williams's masterpiece, *A Streetcar Named Desire*.

Currently enjoying a month's run in Tokyo's Imperial Theatre, once again the Ninagawa transposition works magic. Here is the kind of Japanese touch Williams himself is said to have always hoped for, as the steamy quarter of a 1920s New Orleans becomes a tenement district of a Tokyo in ruins after the city's Great Earthquake of 1923.

The fragile, unstable Blanche, played by well-known film actress Ruriko Asoaka: the embittered Polish Stanley (Daisuke Ryu) here a Korean immigrant; Western clothes with Japanese sets: all endorse the play's relevance to a Japanese audience – recalling one of the most turbulent periods of the country's history.

For all its notoriety, though, Ninagawa's *Streetcar* is just one among several hundred Western plays to be performed in Japanese this year. The 1987 line-up included, along with the plethora of Shakespeare, 20th century European and American classics, works by Jean Cocteau, Harold Pinter, Neil Simon, Tom Stoppard and Caryl Churchill and even AIDS – and Black plays.

Japan gets all the latest Western musicals, too – either as Broadway or West End direct "imports" in English, or in translation by a local company. The Japanese *Les Misérables* and a new scaled-up *Starlight Express*, for the Tokyo Olympic Stadium, were last year's hits. *Phantom of the Opera*, opening at the end of April is the current talk of the town.

This, plus the phenomenon of short runs, revivals and an eclectic tradition of worldwide theatre – not just English-speaking – is responsible for Tokyo's lively theatre scene. Japanese theatre scholar, Shinko Matsumoto, though, despairs that outsiders ignore this. Translated plays account for most of Japan's theatregoing, she asserts. Visitors to Japan frequently remark how Tokyo offers greater choice than other theatre meccas, London and New York not excepted.

Japan's insatiable appetite for Western theatre is no modern fad. Rather, it dates back to the opening up of the country in the late 19th century. Among the new Meiji government-sponsored missions dispatched abroad, representatives for "culture" swarmed into Europe's theatres and brought back to Japan seemingly every text they could lay their hands on.

Plays were soon translated, staged and even assigned a special category, *shingeki*, literally: new drama. Down the years there has been little let-up. While today there is a thriving commercial theatre scene, Western theatre is still largely in the hands of troupes, some of whom date back to the early days.

The artistic approach, however, has changed. The initial loose adaptations, resulting in such productions as the 1903 *Othello* with dance scenes, or *The Merchant of Osaka*, soon gave way to more scholarly translations – and nowadays improved versions of the Western originals.

From the beginning the "fertile field of European drama" was at Japanese disposal. As a result, audiences had early access to the whole of Western drama, some of which have only recently premièred in Britain. The trend has continued and now there is hardly a reputable Western play that has not gone into Japanese.

With Shakespeare predictably the most popular, theatre people are so besotted that staggering achievements abound. Professor Yushi Odashima has translated every one of the 37 plays, and director, Norio Deguchi, has directed them all. Actor Tashiro Takahide had major roles in 34. Even Shakespeare's contemporaries are being published and performed.

Streetcar itself has had 11 different productions in the last decade. The most famous version, by the Bungaku-za troupe, stars Haruko Sugimura. She has given several hundred performances as Blanche and though now over 80 she is still going strong and still a guaranteed crowd-puller.

In a Tokyo tenement: Daisuke Ryu as Stanley, Ruriko Asaoka as Blanche, in *A Streetcar Named Desire*

Inevitably, though, with so much on, standards vary. A successful production according to Western criteria can be difficult to achieve.

Television and film stars for good box office, and hand-picked casts, can also lower standards. There is an estimated 12 million theatre tickets sold annually in Tokyo, but it is for the hard core of 20,000-30,000 regular theatregoers that producers largely vie.

However, the last few years have seen some attempt to remedy matters, as Japanese companies bring in foreign directors. Western stage designers and other creative artists in increasing numbers have also enhanced Japanese productions.

Through the Japanese penchant for exporting the "upgraded product", the West is becoming fascinated by Japanese interpretations of well-known plays. Annual visitor to Japan, Edinburgh Festival's Director Frank Dunlop describes it as looking anew at the Western classics. "It is as though the Japanese are from another world, shining a searchlight on our drama. There is no doubt the excitement of re-discovery comes through to the audience."

However, the ultimate example of Japan's attraction to Western theatre must be Tokyo's new Globe Theatre, just north of Shinjuku. Designed by leading Japanese architect Arata Isozaki – though roofed and in pastel pink – it replicates the London original. Being flown in specially for the opening festival are Shakespeare productions by Michael Bogdanov and Michael Pennington's English Shakespeare Company, the Royal Shakespeare Company, the National Theatre and the Royal Dramatic Theatre Company of Sweden.

Life in the labyrinth of let's-pretend

Temptation
The Pit

A writer who has been repeatedly arrested since the freezing of the Prague Spring, Václav Havel reworks the Faust story in his most recent play to stake out the nightmare of life in a totalitarian state, where the individual is trapped in a labyrinth of mistrust.

His learned Doctor Foustka works for some unspecified scientific institute staffed by the familiar bureaucrats going through contortions of servility to avoid falling behind in the survival game. Foustka tries to climb outside the required mechanistic view of the universe, studying hermetic books and invoking dark spirits.

Promptly on cue a mysterious stranger arrives in his room, acquainted with all that passes between Foustka and his colleagues, and offering snappy advice on managing his current affair with Vilma (Julie Legrand), another colleague, with a passion for let's-pretend games of sexual betrayal.

Pretences soon take on the appearance of reality, when Vilma's other admirer calls with a bunch of violets. Fistula, as Foustka's limping Mephistopheles calls himself, forecasts success with the institute's coffee-girl and so it turns out, in an irresistibly comic scene at the office dance. John Shrapnel's passionate Foustka spouts heretical views on life's meaning to the adoring girl while the sinister director (Paul Webster) and his staff pair off in waltz time around them.

David Bradley's Fistula is a performance of marvellous originality, a sourly jesting tramp fixing a glittering eye on his victim whose every move takes him closer to the crevasse where he risks losing career, mistress and, most terrible of all, trust in his own perceptions.

There is finally no one in whom it is safe to trust, and Roger Michell's taut production shows Shrapnel giving Foustka consistent development while switching the others abruptly between friendship and enmity as though seen by someone terminally confused.

In the Walpurgis Night costume dance at the end of the play an imaginary hell thrillingly emerges into a real inferno. Surrounded by rutting devils and betrayed on all sides, Havel's Faust figure vanishes into the dark.

Jeremy Kingston

CONCERT

Pleasure found in a hazy half-hour

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Among the many distinguished composers who have come here to work with the London Sinfonietta, none has returned more regularly than Luciano Berio, and their concerts together are always a pleasure, even when there is nothing very urgent on the programme.

So it was this time. The biggest work was *Voci*, the half-hour viola concerto that hazily dreams about Sicilian folk music, as this had been played when Berio last conducted the Sinfonietta, in 1985.

More importantly, the piece never quite becomes the major work it promises to be, which is not exactly a fault, because it is part of the nature of the music to be inconclusive, fuzzy and lacking in definition.

The solo instrument is unemphatic; the tunes are rarely presented strongly; and there is a constant play of echoes and shadows in the two chamber orchestras, one surrounding the soloist and the other stationed around the far perimeter of the platform.

Aldo Bennici played the central part with quiet, steady enthusiasm, and the orchestral reverberations had an almost palpable feel, but one waited for the fog to lift.

Instead it rather continued. The only original piece in the second half was the 10-minute *Requies*, which sounds like the sometimes jumpy, sometimes resonant accompaniment to a missing melody: a touching conceit, given that the piece was written in memory of Cathy Berberian.

In the remaining two items, the singer was happily present, Thomas Hampson being there to sing Ravel's Hebrew diptych and a set of five early Mahler lieder which Berio orchestrated in 1985.

His splendid command, his astonishing range of dynamic nuance and his decisive lack of sentimentality were valuable in both works, but especially in the Ravel, where the pairing of a long lament and a little toy was rightly left as it stood, a total contrast unexplained.

The Mahler-Berio was an oddity of a different sort. Berio takes advantage of the pointers towards the Third Symphony in "Ablösung im Zommer", the 8th Symphony in "Nischt Wiedersehen!" and the model Mahlerian funeral march in "Zu Strassbourg", but many passages sounded thin in this all-too-straight instrumentation.

Where was the interaction of identification, analysis and abuse that, in connection with *Voci* Berio declared necessary if transcription is to "become a truly creative, constructive act"?

Paul Griffiths

Sore Throats
Theatre Upstairs,
Royal Court

Back in the 1960s it was Howard Brenton who first propelled English drama out of doors, and by retreating into the traditional closed room setting in this "intimate play" of 1979, he seems to have cut one of his creative lifelines.

***Sore Throats*, (the second production in Brenton's Utopian trilogy) presents a wild attempt to break out of society into an instant anarchist paradise. It opens with a brutal marital combat demonstrating middle-class life at its worst. Jack, a policeman, visits his abandoned wife, Judy, and asserts his rights in the family house by beating her up.**

The play then takes its leap into the unknown with the transformation of the denuded living room into a love nest where Judy and her like-minded friend Sally are gorging themselves on the local male talent after an orgiastic American tour.

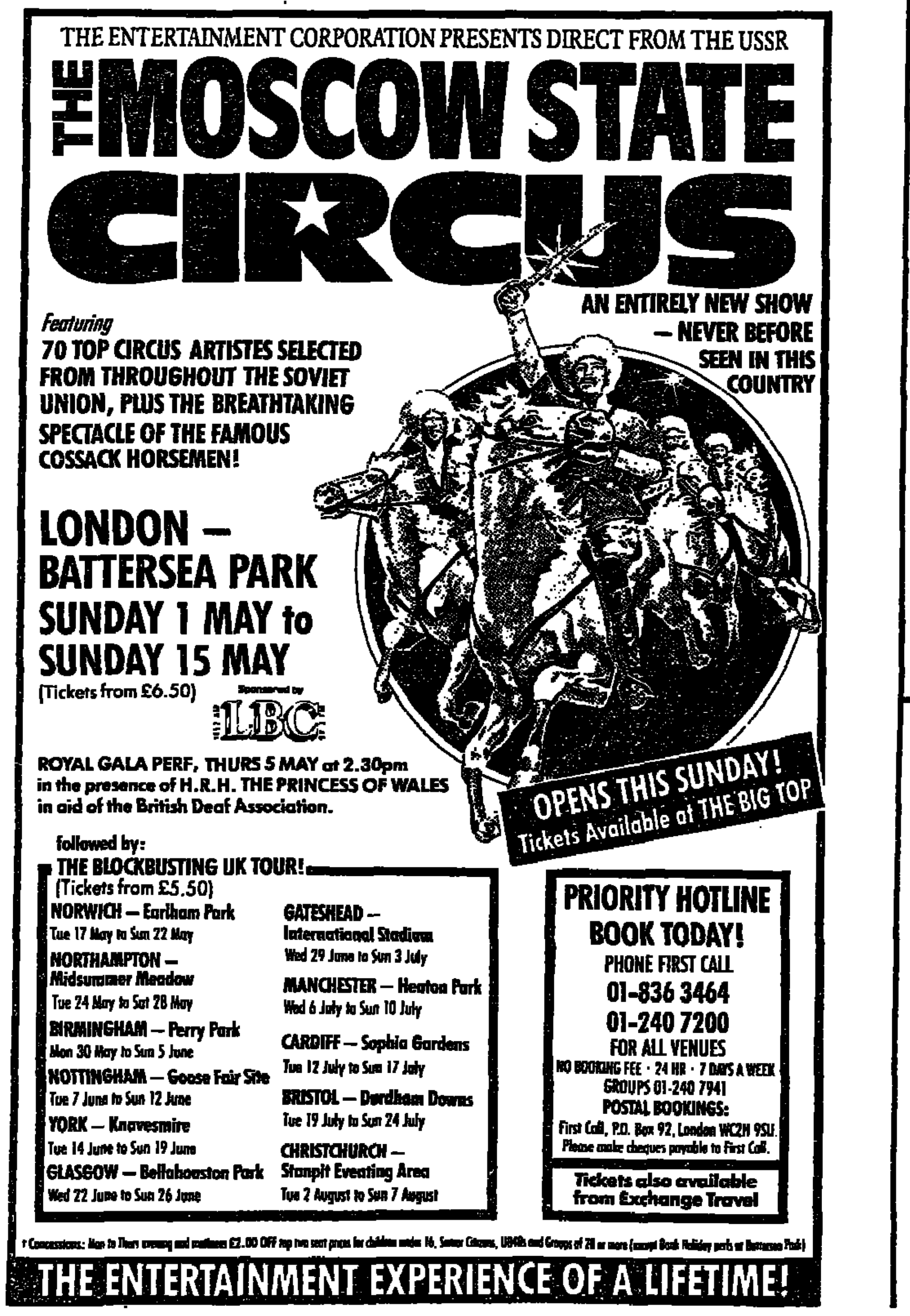
Individual character comes second to the clash of moral and financial imperatives. Still, some degree of plausibility is required; and it is not forthcoming from the girls, and still less from Jack, when he stumbles in with a carry-cot (which turns out to contain a brick) with a story of how his mistress gave birth in the Canadian wilderness.

The feeling takes root that none of these characters has ever ventured outside the room, and the only journey they have made is inside their own heads.

Oozing with sexual loathing, the piece seems more intent on revenge than on the pursuit of happiness. And, on those terms, it is unnervingly well played by Linda Marlowe and Hetta Charnley, both dissolving into witchy giggles at Jack's story of abandonment and death.

Nancy Diuguid's production contains a wonderful performance by James Laurenson, who plays Jack as a gentle figure who periodically erupts into extreme violence, which he passes off with a cough or a dazzling smile as though it has nothing to do with him. A painfully down-to-earth figure in a lurid dream.

Irving Wardle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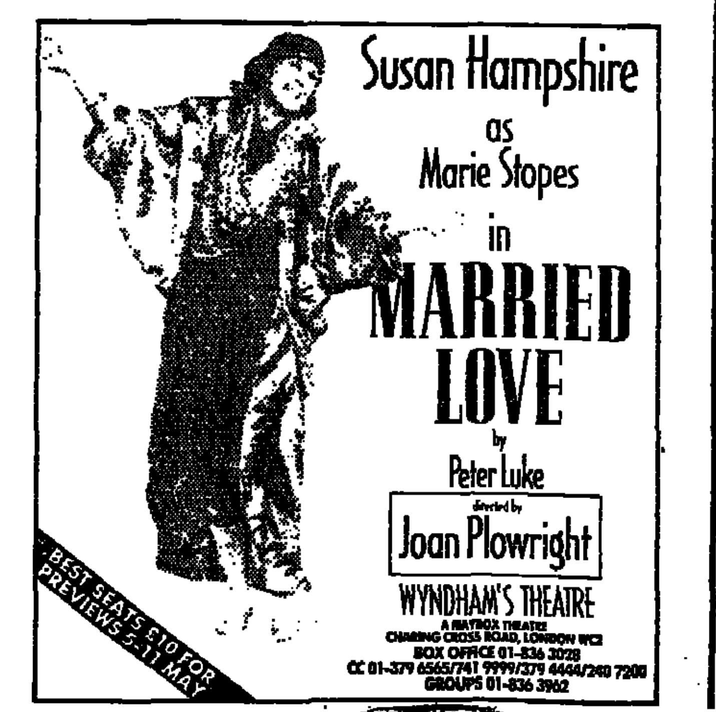
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Matter of life and death

What made Robert Buckman, media doctor and *Punch* columnist, write an intensely moving book about dying? Libby Purves talked to him

PAUL LOVELACE

Counsel for comforters: his own brush with death six years ago gave Robert Buckman strength in dealing with other people's pain

We are not too good at death-bed scenes these days. Having lost the sentimental Victorian desire to revel in death, we now hide and deny it in a way that is just as morbid. We worship radiant health and beauty and we intensely dislike the thought of change and decay in any form, let alone the final one. Moreover, medical science has led us to expect last-minute reprieves and miracle cures almost as a right. So we bustle about piling treatment upon treatment until, in a hospital setting, a human death comes to mean no more than a project which has failed; something to be brushed briskly aside in favour of the next job. Individual love and grief are all too often slighted.

These things are the preoccupation of Dr Robert Buckman, a British cancer specialist who emigrated to Canada three years ago after some years of combining a serious medical career with an inordinate amount of public clowning. His Beetles and Buckman stage act with a fellow-doctor developed into *The Pink Medicine Show* on television, and into a weekly column entitled Doc Brief in *Punch* (he is the origin of such lapidary insights as "A person is medically defined as obese when he weighs 7lb more than his doctor").

The appealing thing about Buckman — a slight, lively, friendly man in his fortieth year — is that his heavyweight medical interest is constantly tempered by sympathy for the actual plight of the patient. He dislikes the word, and the way that doctors use it to deny human feeling. "A patient is only a person plus a disease. One of the big subjects that I teach students is how to break bad news. But it's seen as rather a wimpy, womanly aspect of medicine, so I have to be very macho as a physician and brandish my PhD so that they'll listen to me and not think I'm some jumped-up social worker." This medical macho applies also, he says regretfully, to some of the women students, so he vigorously lectures them on empathy: how to listen to the critically ill patient, how to respond in a stark and terrible situation, and how to help rather than frustrate or terrify.

Buckman knows what he is talking about: six years ago he nearly died himself, of dermatomyositis, a rare auto-immune disease ("a sort of opposite of AIDS, where the immune system turns and attacks the body"). He went through the well-charted stages of anger, denial ("actually, I remember saying: 'Look, I know all about denial, and *this isn't it!*' "), and experienced the deep, central sadness of longing to know he would be remembered. "I most wanted to believe that the people closest to me would not forget me, and that we had achieved some things that would count after I had died. Some people gave me that feeling, and I still love those people dearly." He recovered, and the experience gave him a certain strength in dealing with the pain of other people's last days, and above all a passionate desire to communicate one fact that he — although a determined atheist — sees as centrally important. "Death ends life, but it does not rob it of its meaning. If you want to kill someone, you take the meaning from their life. When you're dying, you need to know that you have been, and will go on being, valuable."

The result of his work, with medical students, patients and their relatives, is a small book published this week called *I Don't Know What to Say*, subtitled "How to Help and Support Someone Who is Dying". It draws on techniques of psychotherapy, but for a sophisticated writer and thinker like Buckman, it is written in a startlingly elementary style. "Well, of course it is. It is designed to be read under duress, right in the firing line. Supporting someone who is dying does tend to lower your intellectual level."

The result is a clear, repetitive and intensely moving handbook on death, with not one punch pulled. Dementing diseases, long, slow, crippling cancers, the deaths of children, of parents, even the sexual needs of a terminally ill lover, are plainly and compassionately explored. There are things in the book which might well have made a publisher flinch, but which undoubtedly had to be said.

> **Above all he urges supporters to listen, to avoid saying 'Don't talk about that now'**

There are, for instance, a lot of socially unacceptable emotions flitting around a deathbed. Buckman has seen angry patients berating their spouses for not loving them enough, relatives sitting round the bed nagging the patient for having brought his disease on himself by smoking or eating the wrong things, carers driven to the end of their tether, either refusing to accept the obvious or else hating the dying man or woman and saying "He's doing it deliberately". He has seen, and deplored, the frantic zeal of relatives who rush around trying to make themselves "world experts" on the disease and bore and frighten the patient with half-digested technicalities. "It's a displacement activity, like when you hit a dog on the nose and it wants to bite you but daren't, so it goes off and digs a big hole somewhere."

All these things are normal, he reassures, and he provides simple ways of thinking one's way out of such destructive traps. Above all he urges supporters to listen when the dying person wants to discuss funerals, or resuscitation, or terminal pain, or how the family will get on without him, and to avoid at all costs phrases like "Don't talk about that now". He discusses with uncomfortable clarity the psychological and physical pros and cons of trying for endless miracle cures from alternative medicines. "The attitude of 'I'll go anywhere and I'll try anything' has a price tag. The price is the loss of time to be close to each other, and the loss of that tenderness and sensitivity that might have been allowed to grow."

Furthermore, the book displays a healthy scepticism about certain current ways of sweetening the idea of death, such as our preoccupation with whisking terminally ill children off on tremendous outings to Disneyland or wherever. "If a 12-year-old with leukaemia says he wants to go, no problem. Certainly try to widen the range of your child's experience, but don't do anything too grandiose. Sometimes staying at home with the family is of greater support and reassurance than a big excursion."

He is also cautious when relatives say they want to found a medical trust in memory of their dead child. "I say, come back in a few months. A foundation will be useful to others, perhaps, but not to you. Don't neglect your own grieving for another displacement activity."

He has seen as many ways of dying as there are of living. Some are quiet, some are talkative, some shockingly prosaic (one elderly relative of my own leaned back on the pillow and observed "Well dear, I'm buggered"). Some — like his own beloved Uncle Barry — are flippant. "The last thing he said was a joke. The point was that at the very end of his life, Barry behaved as himself. I have never forgotten that. It was watching Barry cope with dying that gave me the feeling that death can happen with dignity and integrity. Let your friend let go of life in his own way: it may not be your way or the way you would like to see, and it may not be the way you read about in a book or magazine, but it's his way and consistent with the way he's lived his life."

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I Don't Know What to Say *by Dr Robert Buckman is published on April 28 by Papermac (£6.95)*

Lordly trinkets

The Top Drawer trade exhibition, where gift shop owners go to buy their trinkets, has truly gone top drawer this year with David Linley among the exhibitors for the first time with his new English Farm range of paper goods. For those familiar with his Venetian range, this one — inspired by 19th-century watercolours of the English countryside — has a letter rack like a farmhouse instead of a Doge's palace, diaries and notebooks like a patchwork of fields, and blotters that open to farmyard scenes. Prices will start at about 55p for a sheet of wrapping paper. And yesterday the industrious lord launched four complete new dinnerware designs created exclusively for Mappin & Webb — one of them based on his signature Venetian theme — with co-ordinating crystalware by Royal Brierley. A complete place-setting in the Venetian range costs £65, in the Barley range a mere £49. And Mappin & Webb will give two bottles of champagne to any reader of *The Times* (clutching this column) who orders a complete dinner service for six from the David Linley range from any Mappin & Webb branch between May 3 and May 7.

Six ways to sun

After the three-piece bikini (*Fashion Page, yesterday*), the sex-kini. Called by Simpson's of Piccadilly "the four-piece bikini", another contradiction in terms, it is actually a *six*-piece bikini (hence sex-kini). It sold out of the Simpson's catalogue and shop like hot cakes at £29 for three different brief bottoms, a bandeau top and two bows to affix wherever the mood strikes. ("Last year we tried one with three different tops," a spokeswoman for the maker, Sunarama, says, "but with so much topless sunbathing it wasn't that popular. This one we can't get enough of.") If you're quick you might snap one up from Beau Baggage (which has eight branches in London and the Home Counties and will do mail order: telephone 01-520 5147 for details), or Fenwick's in Bond Street and Oxford (also by mail order, 01-629 9161) in sizes 10 to 16.

Slow-burn foam

The biggest news from this year's London International Furniture Show, open to the trade at Earl's Court until tomorrow, predictably concerns developments in flame retardant foam. Furniture makers warn that prices of upholstered furniture will rocket unless an inexpensive substance is swiftly found. One possible answer could lie in Dufelt, a flame retardant barrier cloth produced by the French company Duflot et Fils, and already apparently used by British Airways, British Rail and Air France. It is placed between the foam and the upholstery to prevent combustion and minimize the possibility of dangerous fumes being given off in the event of fire. Demonstrations of its effectiveness are being given throughout the week.

& BRIEFLY

A round-up of news, views and information

Non-stick ties?

On your guard, Scotchguard: Teflon has come out of the frying pan and is about to invade your home territory. The Du Pont discovery used to create non-stick surfaces in saucepans should shortly be marketed in a spray can, like Scotchguard, and is already being tested as an upholstery protector in cars. One suggested use is to spray on men's ties so that the soup will just slide off. But where will it go? For those who believe that ties were invented to protect shirts, it could be a case of out of the frying pan . . .

GH art on view

Women's magazines usually jealously guard their secrets, but houseproud *Good Housekeeping* has opened its skeleton-and-dust-free cupboards to the public to produce a striking exibition of 20 years of artwork by leading photographers and illustrators, on show at Smith's Gallery, 56 Earlham Street, Covent Garden until Saturday. All the works are for sale, and 20 per cent of the proceeds will go to *Good Housekeeping*'s charity of the year, the Children of Hope.

Quote me . . .

"American women climbed up the career ladder fast: but when they got into the boardrooms they looked around and saw that all the men had pictures of their families on their desks. The women didn't have any pictures of their families. They didn't have any families . . . so if British employers want to keep women, they will have to consider the family too."

Joanna Foster, new head (from next week) of the Equal Opportunities Commission

Colour codes

Barbara Daly, the make-up artist behind so many famous smiles, has produced a video to demystify the tricks of her trade. For a mere £9.99 you can come *Face to Face with Barbara Daly* and learn how to conceal bags, dab away wrinkles and turn imperfections to advantage as only an expert can. The video is available from branches of the Body Shop, where Daly's inexpensive range of Colourings cosmetics is exclusively sold; the idea is that you buy lots of Colourings to experiment with at home.

Victoria McKee

Teaching stars to stand and deliver

Dorothy Sarnoff has shown nervous celebrities the world over the five Ps and the Squeeze. Now she is due here

Ladies and gentlemen, standing before you on one side is an inarticulate, drab, fidgety poop. On the other is a wizard who holds the secret of how never to be nervous again. Introduce one to the other and wham! Poop becomes president. Perspiring interviewee reveals poise and intelligence. A housewife is turned into an assured speaker.

Dorothy Sarnoff, a celebrated New York image-maker and "speech expert", is the wizard with the magic wand. When a politician needs help with votes, if a budding celebrity feels too shy to face the public, it is to Sarnoff that they turn for help.

She is the therapist who has tapped into the insecurities and ambitions of politicians like Walter Mondale, Jimmy Carter and Menachem Begin and who suggested to Bob Dole ways to soften the off-putting sharpness of his television image. Both Paloma Picasso and Vidal Sassoon felt they had something to learn from Sarnoff in how to project themselves and their products — Picasso her jewellery and fragrances, Sassoon his missionary propaganda for healthy hair.

Sarnoff, a graduate of Cornel University with a degree in public speaking and drama, and once a singer and actress whose range ran from opera to *The King and I* on Broadway, discovered her vocation in 1966. A friend asked her to address a group of lawyers on the skill of voice projection, and Sarnoff's "speech cosmetics" were born. Since then she has been telling top achievers around the world how to stand up straight and deliver speeches (employing the five Ps: Pacing, Phrasing, Pitch, Projection and the most undervalued of all, the Pause), as well as how to handle hostile journalists and dress with dash.

Lady in red: image-maker and author Dorothy Sarnoff

To men she suggests they darken their eyebrows, remove their waistcoats, shave off their moustaches, and wear pastel shirts. Women who have faced the buffed and bejewelled Sarnoff across her imposing desk, or behind a television camera in her mock-up studio, tend to rush out and invest in a choker of pearls, or at least sling a scarf across their shoulders for "interest".

Women (who now constitute 40 per cent of her client list) also tend to survey their own black clothes with dismay and realize that like Sarnoff, who looks like a cross between Lauren Bacall and Joan Rivers, they look more dynamic in red.

From her base in mid-town Manhattan Sarnoff presides over Speech Dynamics, a subsidiary of advertising agency Ogilvy and Mather International. The story goes that her transformation of two of David Ogilvy's executives from mumbling idiots into dynamic account-winners prompted him to order them back to buy her company outright. Sarnoff's services are in such demand that much of her year is spent travelling the world straightening out the insecurities of bankers, professors and lawyers. A growing market is in grooming authors for book promotions.

If you cannot join one of her two-day seminars ($850 per person) it is suggested you read one of her three best-selling books. The first, *Speech Can Change Your Life*, is in its 16th printing. The next, *Make The Most Of Your Best*, transformed in one instance a mousey CBS woman presenter into a dazzling violet-eyed (contact lenses replaced the spectacles which Sarnoff so dislikes) television performer. Her latest book, *Never Be Nervous Again*, came out last year in America. Sarnoff will be in London in June for its launch here practising what she preaches and rattling off to herself her private mantra, "I'm glad I'm here. I'm glad you're here. I care about you. I know that I know."

She will also be practising and teaching the Sarnoff Squeeze, her foolproof tactic to subdue nervous flutters. It is an isometric technique she learnt from Yul Brynner while performing in *The King and I*. Brynner's method was to lunge at a wall and grunt. Sarnoff's version, breathing out as stomach muscles are contracted, is, she feels, a more socially acceptable method which can be used in all sorts of tense-making situations. "Next time you're in the dentist's chair, contract and squeeze. Next time you ask your boss for a raise, squeeze."

Sarnoff says there is little she could teach Margaret Thatcher — "she has authority and she looks good". But she feels Neil Kinnock's occasional hoarseness could benefit from a breath massage technique that involves panting like a puppy and swallowing intermittently.

Her simplest image-improving advice is to sit up straight in your chair, hands clasped in front of you, forearms resting on the edge of the table — a bearing which apparently says: "I know that I know." Although she devotes a chapter to clothes tips ("In red you're ahead; Blue's for you; Brown is down" and so on) and make-up suggestions she says the best eye cosmetic is the sparkle achieved with direct eye contact. "Never try to look in to both eyes at the same time. It's uncomfortable and anyway you look cross-eyed," Sarnoff says. "Switch your gaze from one eye to the other. That signals warmth and sincerity . . . I noticed that Jack Kennedy knew all about that trick."

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Flying a flag for jobs

The city's Armada celebrations in July are intended to give a further impetus to its strategy of creating new job opportunities

Michael Leece, managing director of the consortium Devonport Management Ltd, which has won a seven-year contract to manage the dockyard

The Ministry of Defence policeman at the Albert Gate of Plymouth's Devonport Royal Dockyard has seven photographs pinned to the notice-board in his gatehouse. They are of VIPs like Vice- Admiral Sir John Webster, the naval base commander, whom the police are supposed to let through on the nod. Everyone else must identify themselves.

The newest photograph to join this gallery is a civilian, an engineer who started his working life as an apprentice at the Vickers shipyard in Barrow and is probably still a lot happier burrowing around in the bowels of a ship than sipping cocktails in the ward room.

Michael Leece, aged 41, is arguably the single most important man in Plymouth. He is managing director of the consortium Devonport Management Ltd (DML), which last year won a seven-year MoD contract to manage the dockyard.

Devonport, built nearly 300 years ago and sprawling across 332 acres and 2½ miles of waterfront, has always been, the linchpin of employment in Plymouth. The decisions that Mr Leece makes affect the whole city for good or ill. The economic and industrial arithmetic of Plymouth is disturbing. It has an unemployment rate in its travel-to-work area of more than 12 per cent, rising to more than double that in some parts of the inner-city.

The reason is not difficult to find. The naval dockyards have always been the major employer in the area and their demand for labour has been steadily dropping.

The city has been dangerously over-dependent on Devonport. Ship-building and marine engineering accounts for only two per cent of manufacturing industry nationally. In Plymouth the figure is nearly 50 per cent.

That dominance and the special nature of the work — the fact that the projects are defence-related, not civilian — has led to unusual structural problems in employment.

Because of the very high specifications demanded by the Navy, which will spend money on the other side of the world if necessary, to get the highest-standard materials, there have been in the past few links between the dockyard and local suppliers.

That means that Plymouth's small-business sector is smaller and weaker than in most other towns and cities of comparable size, and that the city has a relatively weak commercial and financial services sector. Look around Plymouth and you will see virtually no new office building. The demand is not there.

Such problems are clearly reflected in the city's occupational structure. It has a much lower proportion than normal of managers and professional people. Top managers can be attracted into the area on advantageous contracts, but tend not to be home grown.

All these problems are exacerbated by the city's location. It is seen by outsiders as isolated from other parts of the country and from Europe.

Michael Leece's initial impact has been a painful one. The dockyard was handed over to commercial management a year ago to try to make it run more efficiently.It was originally hoped that the redundancy programme that was necessary would be spread gently over six or seven years, but an unexpected cutback in the amount of work that DML gets directly from the Royal Navy has meant the redundancies have had to be accelerated.

DML has already, in its first 12 months, made 2,000 people redundant and that will be followed by 1,000 more this year and 200 in each of the following two years. The work-force will have shrunk from 11,200 when DML took over to fewer than 8,000 by the early-1990s.

That is the bad news. The good news is that Mr Leece hopes to increase significantly the dockyard's links with local industry.

He said: "The best way we can serve Plymouth as a community is to improve the amount of materials that we buy locally, through the establishment of feeder industries and feeder businesses."

The plans are still in the embryo stage. Mr Leece will not be drawn into suggesting which particular bits of Devonport work might, for instance, be sub-contracted, but executives are already out talking to local companies.

The yard spends about £50 million a year on materials, less than £2 million of that in Devon and Cornwall, but executives think that figure could be nearer £10 million a year by the time DML's first seven-year contract ends.

Creating a new industrial base for Plymouth is something politicians and city officials have been trying to do almost since the end of the Second World War, when the naval dockyard was even more dominant in the local economy than today.

There have been successes. Non-defence companies such as Wrigleys (the chewing-gum group) have been attracted to the city.

The number of such victories has been smaller than anybody would like, but local officials such as Nigel Pitt, a planner, put it the other way.

He would argue that, given its problems, Plymouth has actually been rather succesful in attracting companies against the odds.

This year sees a further attempt in the city's continuing strategy of bringing in jobs. The key to Armada 400 is employment.

Said a city official: "We don't see the Armada celebrations as something the city is going to spend £400,000 on, in order to bring as many people as we can to Plymouth in July.

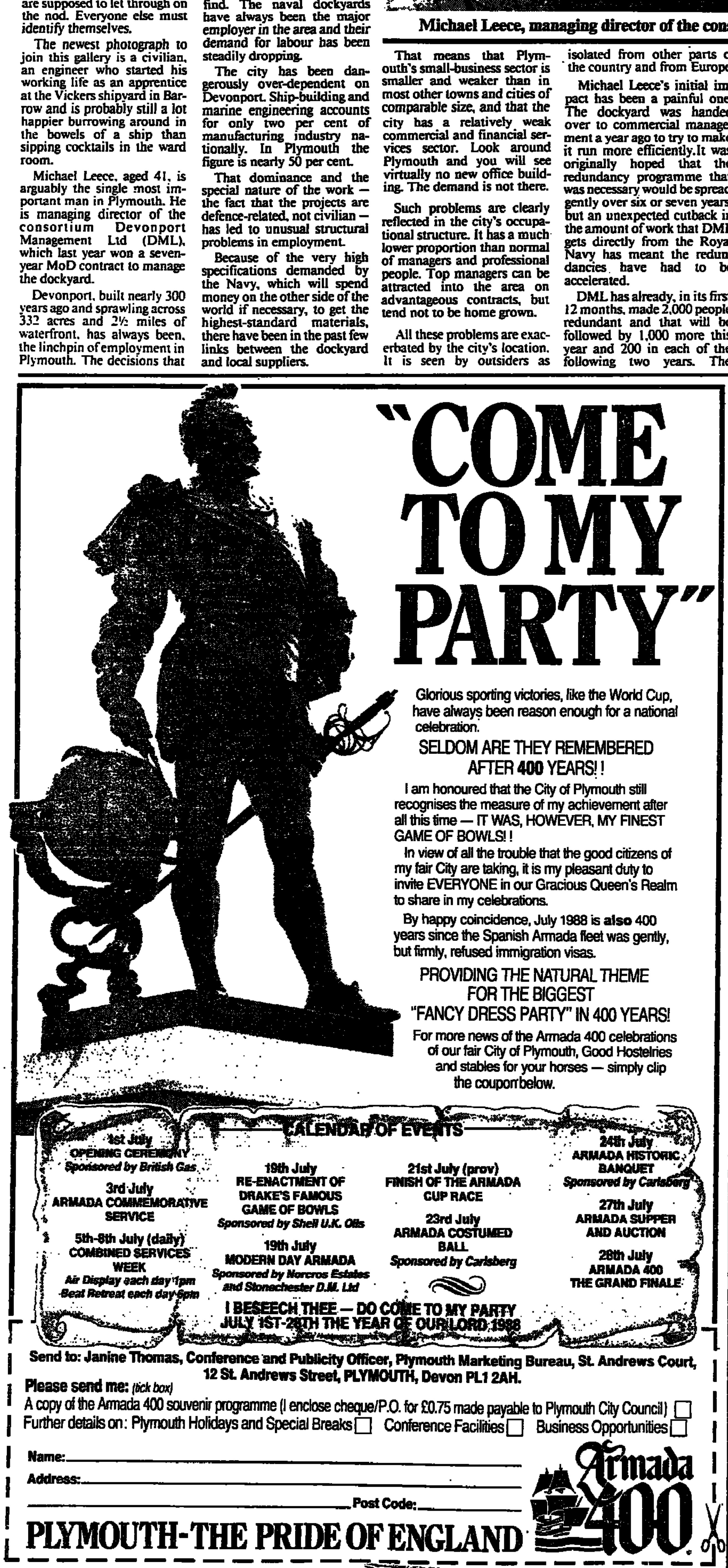
"Of course we want a lot of people to come, but we see it as a much longer-term thing. We couldn't justify spending the money otherwise."

"If we weren't looking for jobs for the people of Plymouth we would not be doing Armada 400 — well, not on this scale anyway."

Plymouth certainly has to keep trying. Employment experts suggest that the population of working age in Plymouth will continue to grow (increasing by more than 6,000 between 1986 and 1991 according to one estimate) and more women are expected to be seeking jobs.

Unless the employment base can be widened as demand for jobs grows, unemployment will remain high.

Malcolm Brown



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Armada 400

Anthony Cox looks at the city's plans for a memorable celebration

A great history show sets sail

Drake — as depicted by actor Bob Crane — in front of the seaman's statue on Plymouth Hoe

Planning for the Armada 400 celebrations started, says Roger Matthews, Plymouth's director of marketing and leisure, in 1588. "It was," says John Mills, chairman of the city's leisure services committee, "a put-up job.

"One councillor thought we should have commemorated the sailing of the convict ships to Australia, which took place 200 years ago. We pointed out that they were going and not coming and that was that."

The jokiness underlines the nature of the celebration of Armada 400 from July 1 to 28. "We're celebrating the event — not being jingoistic," says Mr Matthews. We are a city rich in history. There's always something coming up. We carefully look at the diary for dates to celebrate.

"Most people have heard of the Armada and the story of Sir Francis Drake finishing his game of bowls on the Hoe. Now if we didn't capitalize on that to promote Plymouth we would be negligent."

The serious side to Armada 400 can be summed up in one word: jobs. "The key to all our promotional efforts is employment," says Mr Matthews.

"It's really about creating the idea of Plymouth as a nice place to visit, a place where things happen.

"We are trying to raise the profile of the city in the minds of people who might want to come and spend money. Whether they would want to come and spend money as tourists or by putting up factories to employ people, we're trying to influence them to know more about Plymouth, to come here and to invest."

Planning for Armada 400 began about 18 months ago. The initiative came from the city's leisure services committee and then responsibility moved to the special events committee.

Janet Poynter, the city's entertainments officer, is in day-to-day charge and is co-ordinating all of the Armada events throughout Devon. "She's the boss," says Mr Mills.

Part of the thinking behind Armada 400 is an attempt to break what Mr Mills refers to as "the London-Stratford-Edinburgh triangle".

Mr Matthews explains: "Americans tend to go to London and then to places they have heard of. Increasingly they are going to York because it has been quite heavily promoted. We're trying to entice more to come down here. "Plymouth is the biggest city in the West Country. We're right in the middle of a very important holiday area. Tourism to Devon in the last five years has actually gone down, but tourism to Plymouth has gone up."

Mr Mills points out that Plymouth is not "being too parochial. We are thinking about the county as well as the city. Everyone's going to benefit." And, as Mr Matthews adds, "Visitors no longer recognize administrative boundaries."

Free period entertainment every day

Janet Poynter is exercising tight control in her role as co-ordinator: "Events are 'themed' to Drake or the Armada. We don't want people putting on jumble sales and calling them 'The Armada 400 Jumble Sale'.

"We are putting on the big events and others are slotting in around us. Visitors will find period entertainment provided free each day — morning and afternoon — in our pedestrianized shopping precinct.

Janet's list of "highlight" events from her extensive programme starts with the opening ceremony on the Hoe at 7 pm on July 1, and runs through the commemorative service in St Andrew's Church (July 3), combined services week (July 5-9), the re-enactment of Drake's legendary game of bowls (July 19), the "modern Armada" mock battle in Plymouth Sound (July 19), the finish of the Armada Cup yacht race (July 20, 21, 22), the official visit by the Queen and Prince Philip (July 21-22), the costumed ball (July 23), the banquet (July 24), a supper and auction (July 27) and "Armada 400 — The Grand Finale" on the Hoe (July 28).

She adds: "We've contacted all the Plymouths throughout the world. We've found 41 so far and new ones turn up every week. New Zealand is sending quite a strong force — 47 of them are coming."

What about the Spaniards? "Oh, they're coming as well," says Mr Mills. "We're having the yacht race with them, from San Sebastian to Plymouth, and civic parties are involved in that. We've heard it rumoured that the King and Queen of Spain might be coming."

Plymouth has high hopes for the success of Armada 400. "Earlier this year, we had an Armada exhibition at the city museum and we estimated 20,000 people would come. In fact, we had 85,000 through the door," says Mr Mills, a former Lord Mayor of Plymouth.

Mr Matthews adds: "We'll quickly be told by the city's hoteliers whether July was any good or not. The signs are looking very good. We are cautiously optimistic."

The city is promoting an extensive range of souvenirs. Mr Mills says: "We've everything from a plastic duck upwards. We have to cater for every taste!"

The most tasteful item is undoubtedly an "official" medal, which is available in gold, silver or bronze, the latter costing just £2.95.

And a tasty item is due from the local Courage brewery, which is bottling a special commemorative Armada Ale. "Our last celebration," says Mr Matthews, "was the 400th anniversary, in 1977, of Drake's circumnavigation of the globe.

"What next? We keep racking our brains. Our next celebration is going to be the Tall Ships Race, which we will be hosting in 1990. Then, of course, we've got Drake's death in '95 . . ."

Next the Tall Ships Race in 1990

Plymouth's Armada celebrations will ripple across England on July 19 — the day in 1588 that the Spanish fleet was first sighted off The Lizard — when a chain of signal beacons will be lit as part of the "Fire Over England" commemoration of the Elizabethan early-warning system.

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Too little for tourists

Malcolm Brown looks at efforts to boost the city's attractions

Charles Church: Once a fine Gothic church but destroyed by bombs in 1941, it has been retained as a shell as a memorial to Plymouth civilians killed during the war

About two million day trippers descend on Plymouth every year and last year the city's hotels and guest houses clocked up nearly a million "tourist nights" — an increase of about 12 per cent on 1986. Visitors spend about £ 13 million a year on hotels alone.

Among the biggest contributors to the tourist kitty are Americans in search of their heritage. "The Americans are a very large slice of the business", says Roger Matthews, director of marketing and leisure at the Plymouth Marketing Bureau. "All the *navigators operated from here* — Drake, Hawkins, Raleigh, Cook — and they like to go to the Mayflower Steps from which the Pilgrim Fathers left to found America."

The bureau, a collaborative venture between the Plymouth and private industry, spends between £300,000 and £400,000 a year promoting the city, particularly in America and Europe. Mr Matthews thinks America is *still* virtually untapped.

"Only 19 per cent of all Americans have passports," he says, "so there's a massive opportunity there to get more people to come and see their *heritage.*"

Europe is a strong market, too, but there are anomalies. The city gets many visitors from the comparatively distant Netherlands, but almost none from France. The Bretons, whose own ferry service, Brittany Ferries, uses Plymouth as its British port, seem to be stay-at-homes, and when the rest of the French visit the UK they prefer to travel through Southampton and Dover.

Mr Matthews believes the bureau does a good job — Plymouth's visitor numbers have been steadily rising — but he is very conscious that the city has some problems as a tourist centre.

The first is something nobody can do much about — distance. Plymouth is more than 200 miles from London and though it is possible to reach it within four hours by car, people still perceive it as a long way off.

The city is also surprisingly weak in up-market accommodation. The Plymouth area has about 7,000 beds in hotels and guest houses (2,000 of them in self-catering units) but there is a shortage of three and four star hotels. "We don't have enough 'middle class' accommodation ", says Mr Matthews; "rooms with private bath and all the facilities."

That is important, not just for holiday visitors, but to capture the business travel and conference trade as well, an extremely important segment of the market since it brings money to Plymouth throughout the year and gives a fillip to the hotel business during the low season.

"In the early 1980s Plymouth was getting about 1,500 high-spending conference delegates a year. By the mid-*1980s* the total was more than 10,000."

But Plymouth's most obvious drawback has been the lack of undercover tourist attractions. The city is jam-packed when it rains. It is not, by and large, considered a *long-stay* resort (you need a beach for that) but in bad weather visitors pour in from all over the West country expecting to find alternative, wet-weather amusements and they are disappointed when they realize there are very few.

Plymouth has *excellent* shopping facilities and one or two privately-run tourist attractions like boat trips, but little else.

And though Plymouth is steeped in history, it actually has little to show for it, except *for the Hoe and the Barbican* area by the harbour.

Mr Matthews ;syas: "A lot of people come here because they *know of the heritage of* the place and they know that one or two navigators operated from here. But when you drive *into Plymouth there* isn't very much you can see or do that tells you about that.

"You can go and stand at the *Mayflower Steps. You can* go to the museum and see a few things. But we don't have a Victory. We don't have a Mary Rose. *We don't have* a maritime museum. We're weak on the product. We've got to strengthen that and strengthen it very rapidly."

The city has made a start. It is building a visitors centre on Plymouth Hoe, which will use high-technology techniques to tell the story of Plymouth and its history, and is planning a major wet-weather leisure *complex* which will include a swimming pool, ice rink and multi-purpose hall.

Such developments are cru*cial to Plymouth's economic* development, says Mr Mr Matthews. "It's absolutely fundamental; not just to take in people who come anyway, but actually to use that as a reason to get people here."

- **Getting there:** Plymouth is distant. Nothing can change its geographical location, but improved communications have considerably shrunk the time it takes to get there. The main links are:

- **Road:**. The motorway journey from London (M4 to Bristol, M5 to Exeter, A38 to Plymouth) takes about four hours, allowing for one stop.

- **Rail:**. Frequent InterCity 125 trains from London to Plymouth. The journey takes three *hours.* There are also direct links with Bristol, Birmingham, the North and Scotland.

- **Air:**. Brymon operates daily services to and from Heathrow and Gatwick. The Heathrow-Plymouth run in a 46-seat Dash 7 is the more comfortable and takes just over an hour, but adventurous spirits may prefer the 18-seater Twin Otter from Gatwick, where a last-minute booking may land you in the co-pilot's seat. It takes a bit longer, stopping en route at Exeter.

Once in the city it is every *man for himself.* The bus services are generally chaotic — a lot of buses, but almost no indication of where they are *going, or when.* There are glaring gaps — there is no service which goes near enough to the airport to make *sense.* A taxi *from* the city centre to the airport is about £5.

The city is not over-endowed with up-market hotels. There are two four-star hotels (the Holiday Inn and the Copthorne). and a few three-star. Private hotels and guesthouses are of a generally high standard, and relatively cheap.

Star of gallery, postcard and poster, Beryl Cook — and husband John — with her most recent work, Gare du Nord

An eccentric corner on the art map of England

"Plymouth is a funny sort of mixture of things really," says Bernard Samuels, director of the Plymouth Arts Centre, referring to the city's art scene. "Even though Plymouth is not known as a centre for painters — it just has these two rather eccentric characters, if you like — there is, I think, rather a lot more here than in some parts of the country."

Mr Samuels's "two rather eccentric characters" are Beryl Cook, who has an international reputation, and Robert Lenkiewitz, whose name is prominently local, *writes Anthony Cox.*

"I started painting," says Beryl Cook, "because I couldn't get a job. We had come from Africa and were living in Looe in Cornwall. There weren't any jobs there. We had these empty walls and everybody painted, so I thought I might as well see if I could get a few pictures to go on the walls."

From such beginnings, she has, over about 20 years, established herself as a major, if unusual, figure in the art *world,* with well-attended exhibitions and worldwide sales of her greetings cards and books. A Beryl Cook painting *now fetches* about £6,000 — a far cry from the days of her first selling exhibition, which was put on in Plymouth by Mr Samuels, a jovial Mancunian artistic talent-spotter who has run the arts centre since the late-1960s.

He recalls:"She was a *bag* of nerves during that first show in 1975. Some of her early pictures were on wartime plyboard. There was such a miscellany of painting. It was painted on *all* sorts of bits and pieces of stuff. She wasn't painting for posterity, you see. She charged from £25 to £75."

Visitors to Plymouth during Armada 400 month will be able to share something of that experience: the first Beryl Cook retrospective exhibition opens in the city's art gallery on May 28 and runs until July 17, when it will go on tour to Preston, Stoke-on-Trent, Nottingham and Edinburgh.

Says the 61-year-old artist:"This is a really big exhibition — they've got about 93 pictures. I never thought the organizers would get it off the ground, simply because it would be so difficult to get people to lend their pictures. A lot of people are going to lend pictures for six months.

"The exhibition will be a chance *for me* to take a good look at my work. I'm quite looking forward to seeing some of the earlier pictures."

Beryl Cook lives — with John, her husband of 40 years — and paints in a neat, terraced house, in a wide, busy *road leading from the* broad expanse of the Hoe down to a corner pub.

She is seldom recognized around the city. "I always feel utterly anonymous, and I think if you feel anonymous you do become so. That's the way I work it out. I see myself today exactly as I did all those years ago, before I started. The only extraordinary thing about me is that I paint. Otherwise, I feel like everyone else. I feel exactly like other women in the shops."

Winifred de Vany, the 88-year-old vice-president of the Plymouth Arts Club, would agree. "People don't seem to think very much of Beryl Cook," he saids."People in the art clubs don't, anyway. When I say *of* her, I mean *about* her."

Mrs de Vany claims that the arts club "represents the people of Plymouth better than the other clubs. We don't go too much for really way-out work."

But that is not a label anyone could tie to 46-year-old Robert Lenkiewitz, an assertively independent artist who has lived in Plymouth for 20 years.

Any stroller through the Barbican, the city's old quarter, will soon be confronted by a striking example of Lenkiewitz's controversial work: a massive, serpentine mural of nude figures — with the faces of Plymouth folk — which climbs the front of building opposite the gin distillery.

Mr Lenkiewitz, popularly acknowledged as both "eccentric" and "very competent", says he will not be celebrating the 400th anniversary of the Armada. "I am totally unsympathetic. We now live in a global village and divisive attitudes are totally unproductive. Historically, Drake didn't win it anyway, so it's really a lot of mumbo-jumbo."

Nevertheless, he is very happy to work in Plymouth. "Altogether I've had 17 exhibitions here. I won't go anywhere else to exhibit."

His subject matter includes death, sexual behaviour, suicide, old age, vagrancy (he is well-known for his work with down-and-outs), mental health *and jealousy.* He is dismissive of popular interest in his work. "Generally speaking," he says, "the interest here is *minimal.* I've got used to it anyway — most interest that is shown is of an unintelligent kind."

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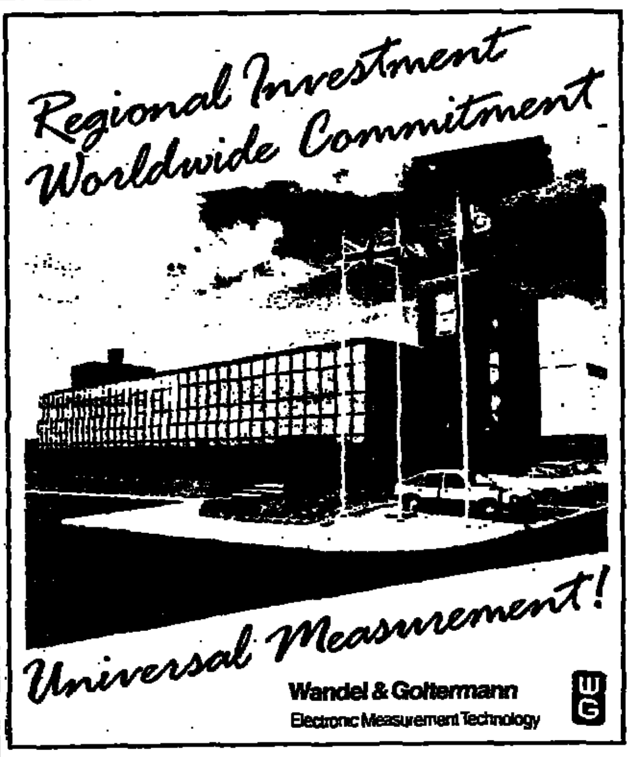

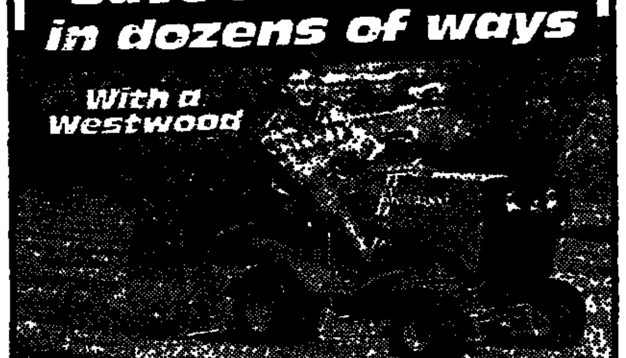

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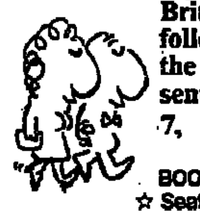

This selective guide to entertainment and events throughout Britain appears from Monday to Friday, followed in the Saturday section by a preview of the week ahead. Items for inclusion should be sent to The Times Information Service, PO Box 7, 1 Virginia Street, London E1 9XN

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Singing from the soul

Whitney Houston (left) made history last week when "Where Do Broken Hearts Go" became her seventh consecutive single to reach No.1 in the US. According to the chart analyst, Alan Jones, this achievement surpassed the old record of six consecutive No.1s established by the Beatles in 1966 and equalled by the Bee Gees in 1979. Her album *Whitney Houston*, which has sold 14 million copies, is reputed to be the best-selling debut of all time by a solo artist. When she last played Britain in the autumn of 1986, she demonstrated the fluency and technical prowess that one would expect from the heir to the Cissy Houston-Dionne Warwick gospel and soul singing dynasty. But a recurring complaint, particularly with regard to her follow-up album, *Whitney* (10 million sold), has been that she lacks emotional depth. "I *do* sing from my soul", she protested in a recent interview. "I had a good childhood, no tragedies. And I can only sing from my own life experience." Perhaps this happy background is the revolutionary ingredient that accounts for her unprecedented success. Whitney Houston plays tonight, tomorrow, Saturday, Sunday and Monday at the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham (021 780 4133) 7.30pm, £13.50-£15, then at Wembley Arena (01-902 1234) on May 4,5,7,8, 11,12,14,15,16. *David Sinclair*

THEATRE

LONDON

★ **BACK WITH A VENGEANCE:** Dame Edna Everage back again joshing the possums.
Strand Theatre, Aldwych, WC2 (01-836 2660). Tube: Charing Cross. Mon-Fri 7.30-10.30pm, Sat 8-11pm, mat Sat 2.30-5.30pm, £6.50-£17.50. (D)

☆ **THE BROWNING VERSION/HARLEQUINADE:** Rattigan double bill: starry cast led by Dorothy Tutin and Paul Eddington. Last week.
Royalty Theatre, Portugal Street WC2 (01-831 0660). Tube: Holborn. Mon-Sat 8-10.15pm, mats Wed 3-5.15pm and Sat 5-7.15pm, £7.50-£13.50.

★ **CAT ON A HOT TIN ROOF:** Lindsay Duncan and Ian Charleson in Tennessee Williams's drama of sexual frustration and inhibition in the Deep South. With Eric Porter as Big Daddy.
National Theatre (Lyttelton), South Bank SE1 (01-928 2252). Tube: Waterloo. Tonight 7.45pm, £5.50-£13.

☆ **THE COMMON PURSUIT:** Simon Gray play traces the fortunes of undergraduate friends; splendid cast led by Rik Mayall, John Sessions, Stephen Fry, John Gordon Sinclair.
Phoenix Theatre, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (01-836 2294). Tube: Tottenham Court Road. Mon-Thurs 8-10.15pm, Fri and Sat 8.45-11pm, mats Fri and Sat 6-8.15pm, £6-£14.50.

☆ **DANGEROUS OBSESSION:** Better-than-average revenge thriller. Politely smiling Dinsdale Landen drags Jeremy Bulloch and Hilary Tindall over the coals.
Fortune Theatre, Russell Street WC2 (01-836 2238). Tube: Covent Garden. Mon-Fri 8-10.05pm, Sat 8.30-10.35pm, mats Wed 3-5.05pm and Sat 5.30-7.35pm, £6-£13.50.

☆ **EASY VIRTUE:** Attractive revival of Noel Coward 1926 with Jane How scandalizing her teenage husband's frightful county folks.
Garrick Theatre, Charing Cross Road WC2 (01-379 6107). Tube: Leicester Square. Mon-Fri 8.10.15pm, Sat 8.15-10.30pm, mat Tues 3-5.15pm and Sat 5-7.15pm, £7.50-£12.50.

☆ **A FAMILY AFFAIR:** Splendid Cheek by Jowl in town again with Ostrovsky's satire on the Russian merchant class of 1849.
Donmar Warehouse, 41 Earlham Street WC2 (01-379 6565). Tube: Covent Garden/Leicester Square. Preview tonight 7.30-10.15pm. Opens tomorrow, 7.30-10.15pm, then Mon-Sat 7.30-10.15pm, mats Thurs 2.30-5.15pm and Sat 3-5.45pm. Tonight; 2 tickets for the price of 1. From tomorrow, £5-£9.

☆ **GOING WEST:** Emer Gillespie and Paul McCleary leave New York bound for California in new Tony Craze play.
Soho Poly, 16 Riding House Street W1 (01-636 9050). Tube: Oxford Circus. Preview tonight 8pm. Opens tomorrow 7pm, then Mon-Sat 8pm, £2.75-£4.50.

☆ **THE MIRACLE WORKER:** William Gibson's celebrated play showing how blind young Helen Keller learnt to communicate: with Hildegard Neil, Daryl Back, Ian Lavender. Last week.
Westminster Theatre, Palace Street SW1 (01-834 0283). Tube: Victoria. Tues-Sat 7.45-10.15pm, mats Wed and Thurs 2.30-5pm, and Sat 3-5.30pm, £5.50-£12.50.

☆ **NANA:** Shared Experience's vigorous production of Zola's tale of decadent abandon in *fin de siècle* Paris.
Mermaid Theatre, Puddle Dock EC4 (01-236 5568). Tube: Blackfriars. Mon-Fri 7.30-9.30pm, Sat 8-10pm, mats Wed 3pm-5pm and Sat 4.30-6.30pm, £6-£10.50.

LONG RUNNERS: ☆ **Beyond Reasonable Doubt:** Queens Theatre (01-734 1166)... ☆ **The Business of Murder:** Mayfair Theatre (01-629 3036)... ☆ **Cats:** New London Theatre (01-405 0072, cc 01-404 4079)... ☆ **Chess:** Prince Edward Theatre (01-734 8951)... ★ **Follies:** Shaftesbury Theatre (01-379 5399)... ☆ **42nd Street:** Drury Lane Theatre (01-836 8108/9/0)... ☆ **Kiss Me Kate:** Savoy Theatre (01-836 8888)... ☆ **Les Liaisons Dangereuses:** Ambassadors Theatre (01-836 6111, cc 01-836 1171)... ☆ **Me and My Girl:** Adelphi Theatre (01-240 7913/4)... ★ **Les Misérables:** Palace Theatre (01-434 0909)... ☆ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's Theatre (01-836 1443)... ★ **Phantom of the Opera:** Her Majesty's Theatre (01-839 2244)... ☆ **Run For Your Wife:** Criterion Theatre (01-930 3216)... ☆ **Serious Money:** Wyndhams Theatre (01-836 3028)... ☆ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria (01-828 8665)... ☆ **And Then There Were None:** Duke of York's Theatre (01-836 5122).

OUT OF TOWN

BURNLEY: ☆ **Walking in Darkness:** New play by Elizabeth (*Assam Garden*) Bond begins with a badger found on a housing estate. Start of a North-East tour.
Burnley Mechanics, Manchester Road (0282 30055). 7.30pm, £2.50.

LEEDS: ☆ **Jane Eyre:** Wendy Nottingham and David Gwillim in intriguing new adaptation by Fay Weldon.
Playhouse, Calverly Street (0532 442111), Mon & Tues 8pm, Wed-Sat 7.30pm, £4.50-£6.

LUTON: ☆ **The Aspern Papers:** Empty Space Company's excellent adaptation of the Henry James tale of deceit in Venice.
Library Theatre, St George Square (0582 21628), tonight 8pm, £3.50.

WORD-WATCHING
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EMPTION
(b) The act of buying; shopping: from the Latin *emo, emptum* to buy.

KREISTLE
(a) The transitive verb, to disgust or revolt, from the German *greiseln* to shudder at.

QIVIUT
(c) The wool of the under-coat of the musk-ox, finer by far than cashmere.

DRACONIC
(c) Like a dragon, *draco* was the Latin serpent (translated into a dragon by the Middle Ages and bestiaries), often regarded as sacred, especially as a guardian of treasure.

FILMS

■ **Also on national release**
☏ **Advance booking possible**

BABETTE'S FEAST (U): One of Karen Blixen's lighter tales, immaculately transferred to the screen by a fellow Dane, Gabriel Axel. With Stéphane Audran as a famous Parisian chef who tests her skills on an austere religious community (105 min).
Chelsea (01-351 3742). Progs 2.10, 4.20, 6.35, 8.50.
Renoir (01-837 8402). Progs 2.10, 4.20, 6.35, 8.50.

THE BELIEVERS (18): Mysterious deaths and sacrifices take place when Cal (Martin Sheen) and his son Chris move to New York and become involved with a strange religious cult (113 min).
☏ **Leicester Square Theatre** (01-930 5252). Progs 12.50, 3.25, 6.00, 8.40.

BROADCAST NEWS (15): Slick drama about network TV journalism from James L Brooks (*Terms of Endearment*); with William Hurt, Albert Brooks, Holly Hunter as the trio caught in a jumble of professional and romantic problems (132 min).
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 2.25, 5.20, 8.10.
☏ **Odeon Haymarket** (01-839 7697). Progs 2.00, 5.00, 8.10.
Odeon Kensington (01-602 6644). Progs 2.00, 5.00, 8.10.
☏ **Odeon Swiss Cottage** (01-722 5905). Progs 2.00, 5.00, 8.15.

COBRA VERDE (15): A pale copy of Werner Herzog's past excercises in high adventure and visionary dreams; with Klaus Kinski as a disgruntled South American rancher who takes his revenge through banditry (90 min).
Gate Notting Hill (01-221 0220). Progs 2.30, 4.30, 6.40, 9.00.
Renoir (01-837 8402). Progs 3.00, 5.00, 7.00, 9.00.

■ **FATAL ATTRACTION (18):** A spurned lover (Glenn Close) takes revenge on Michael Douglas, his wife (Anne Archer) and family. Adrian Lyne directs this unsettling thriller (119 min).
☏ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636). Progs 2.15, 6.10, 9.15.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 2.30, 5.00, 8.00.
☏ **Plaza** (01-200 0200). Progs 12.05, 2.25, 4.45, 7.10, 9.30.

I'VE HEARD THE MERMAIDS SINGING (15): Whimsy rules the roost in this feminist comedy from Canada about a scatterbrained secretary (Sheila McCarthy) bemused by her new job in an art gallery. Written and directed by Patricia Rozema (87 min).
☏ **Screen on Baker Street** (01-935 2772). Progs 3.35, 5.20, 7.15, 9.10.

■ **MOONSTRUCK (PG):** Should Cher play it safe and marry Danny Aiello, or follow her heart and go for his brother, Nicholas Cage? Norman Jewison took the Best Director award at the Berlin Film Festival and Cher the Best Actress Oscar (102 min).
Cannon Baker Street (01-935 9772). Progs 1.35, 3.50, 6.05, 8.20.
Cannon Bayswater (01-229 4149). Progs 1.10, 3.30, 5.50, 8.25.
☏ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636). Progs 2.10, 6.10, 9.10.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 1.55, 3.55, 6.15, 8.30.
☏ **Plaza** (01-437 1234). Progs 12.30, 2.45, 5.00, 7.15, 9.30.

THE PRINCESS BRIDE (PG): William Goldman's send-up fairy-tale, filmed with insufficient charm by director Rob Reiner. With Cary Elwes as the hero out to rescue his beautiful princess (Robin Wright) (98 min).
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 2.00, 5.20, 8.10.
Cannon Edgware Road (01-723 5901). Progs 1.45, 4.00, 6.10, 8.25.
Cannon Haymarket (01-839 1527). Progs 1.40, 3.55, 6.10, 8.30.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 2.10, 4.10, 6.20, 8.35.

CONCERTS

LUNCHTIME

☆ ***HEUTE IST DER SIEGESTAG:*** This is the title of a cantata performed by the Lecosaldi Ensemble, who quickly follow with a recorder sonata by Loeillet.
St Anne and St Agnes's, Gresham Street, London EC2 (01-373 5566), 1.10-1.50pm, free.

EVENING

☆ **ALL STRAUSS:** The Philharmonia Orchestra is conducted by Andrew Davis in Richard Strauss's *Till Eulenspiegel, Rosenkavalier* Suite, *Four Last Songs* (Alison Hargan, soprano) and Symphonic Fragments from *Die Liebe der Danae*.
Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800), 7.30-9.10pm, £2-£14.

☆ **WESTMINSTER BRASS:** The Westminster Brass Ensemble juxtaposes a great variety of short pieces by Bach-Balm, Gershwin and others.
Purcell Room, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800), 7.30pm, £3-£5.

☆ **POWELL PLAYS:** Michael Powell performs clarinet sonatas by Poulenc, Bernstein, Ireland, Kalliwoda's *Morceau de Salon* and Weber's splendid *Grand Duo Concertante*.
St John's, Smith Square, London SW1 (01-222 1061), 7.30pm, £3-£6.50.

☆ **FROM PETERBOROUGH:** Peterborough String Orchestra plays Mendelssohn's *Midsummer Night's Dream* Overture, Nocturne and Scherzo, his String Symphony No 10.
Barbican Centre, 7.45-9.45pm, £5.50-£12.50.

☆ **FROM HATFIELD:** The Hatfield Philharmonic Chorus joins with the Nemano Orchestra to perform Parry's *Blest Pair of Sirens*, Bliss's *Pastoral* and Elgar's *The Music Makers* under the baton of Michael Kibblewhite.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800), 7.45pm, £4-£6.

☆ **PEBBLE IN POT:** Continuing "Percussion '88" the Amadinda ensemble plays Sary's *Pebble Playing in a Pot, Martha's Story in a Doll's House*, John Cage's *Construction No 2*.
Almeida Theatre, Almeida Street, London N1 (01-359 4404), £5.

☆ **LIVERPOOL ECSTACY:** Libor Pešek conducts the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic in Scriabin's Poem of Ecstacy, Sibelius's Violin Concerto (Joseph Swensen, soloist) and Haydn's Symphony No 6 "Le Matin."
Philharmonic Hall, Hope St, Liverpool (051-709 3789), 7.30pm, £3-£8.40.

CLASSICAL TOP 20

1	(1)	**The Essential Karajan**	*DG*
2	(2)	**The Pavarotti Collection**	*Stylus*
3	(4)	**Vivaldi: Concerti**	South German Philharmonic, *Spectrum*
4	(8)	**Handel: Fireworks/Water Music**	Various, *Conifer*
5	(14)	**Duets From Famous Operas**	Various, *CFP*
6	(–)	**Handel's Greatest Hits**	Various, *Trax Classique*
7	(17)	**Vivaldi: Four Seasons**	Virtuosi of England, *CFP*
8	(–)	**Mozart: Piano Concertos 20, 21 & 26**	Various, *DG Walkman*
9	(–)	**Puccini: La Bohème Highlights**	de Los Angeles/Beecham, *HMV*
10	(–)	**Popular Ballet Music**	Ormandy/PO, *Pickwick*
11	(–)	**Great Violin Concertos I**	Bernstein/NYPO, *Pickwick*
12	(–)	**Haydn: Symphonies 94, 103 & 104**	Various, *DG Walkman*
13	(–)	**Schubert: Trout Quintet**	Various, *Conifer*
14	(–)	**Beethoven: Piano Concertos 4 & 5**	Various, *Conifer*
15	(–)	**J S Bach: Toccata and Fugue etc**	Various, *Conifer*
16	(–)	**Rimsky-Korsakov Works**	Ormandy/PHO, *Pickwick*
17	(–)	**Grieg/Sibelius Works**	Various, *DG Walkman*
18	(–)	**Mozart: Flute/Harp/Clarinet Concertos**	Various, *DG Walkman*
19	(–)	**Beethoven: Piano Concertos 1 & 3**	Boettcher/LPO, *CFP*
20	(–)	**Wagner: Ride of The Valkyries**	Rickenbacher/LPO, *CFP*

Source: Music Week Research

JAZZ

☆ **PHILIP BENT:** Away from the Jazz Warriors, the young flautist leads his fusion band.
Old Vic Tavern, 22 Fletchergate Nottingham (0602 585127) doors open 7.30pm, £3.50.

☆ **GANG OF THREE:** Witty, muscular fusion trio led by the ex-NYJO saxophonist Dave O'Higgins. Their repertoire runs from jazz-funk to "Donna Lee".
Bass Clef, 35 Coronet Street, London N1 (01-729 2476) 8.45pm, £4.

☆ **KENNY DAVERN:** First of two nights from the American clarinettist, evoking the spirit of Pee Wee Russell with the help of the Stan Greig trio.
Pizza Express, 10 Dean Street, London W1 (01-439 8772) 9.30pm, ring for prices.

ROCK

☆ **BALKANA:** Package tour of Bulgarian musicians capitalizing on their success at last year's Edinburgh and WOMAD festivals and the currently fashionable interest in East European music.
Lewisham Theatre, Rushey Green, London SE6 (01-690 0002) 8pm, £5-£6.50.

☆ **STEVE HACKETT:** Ex-Genesis guitarist clambers aboard the New Age bandwagon and embarks on tour.
Warwick University Arts Centre, Gibbet Hill, Coventry (0203 417417) 8pm, £5-£6.

☆ **THE DUBLINERS:** Start of a British tour for the boozy old miscreants who collaborated last year with the Pogues on "The Irish Rover".
Tameside Theatre, Oldham Road, Ashton-under-Lyne (061 308 3223) 7.30pm, £4.50-£5.50.

GALLERIES

MIMMO PALADINO: Recent paintings, sculptures and constructions by a young and fashionably angst-ridden Italian artist.
Waddington Galleries, 32 Cork Street, London W1 (01-437 8611), Mon-Fri 10-5.30pm, Sat 10-1pm, free, until May 21.

DAVID WARD: New paintings and photo-works.
Nigel Greenwood Gallery, 4 New Burlington Street, London W1 (01-434 3795), Mon-Fri 10-6pm, Sat 10.30-1.30pm, free, until June 4.

RICHARD GORMAN: First London show for an acclaimed Irish artist features recent abstract paintings.
Benjamin Rhodes Gallery, 4 New Burlington Place, London W1 (01-434 1768), Mon-Fri 10-5.30pm, Sat 10.30-1.30pm, free, until June 4.

THE GRAPHIC LANGUAGE OF NEVILLE BRODY: A look at the career of a young designer and typographer of style mags such as *The Face* and *Arena*.
Victoria and Albert Museum, Exhibition Road, London SW7 (01-938 8363), Mon-Sat 10-5.50pm, Sun 2.30-5.50pm, free, until May 29.

DANCE

☆ **SEPTET:** Rambert Dance Company's production of Merce Cunningham's work to Satie music, with pieces by Richard Alston and Siobhan Davies.
Royal Northern College of Music, Oxford Road, Manchester (061 273 4504) 7.45-10pm, £6-£8.

☆ **LA SYLPHIDE:** London City Ballet's production of the 19th-century romantic classic.
Forum Theatre, Town Centre, Billingham (0642 552663) 7.30-9.45pm, £6.

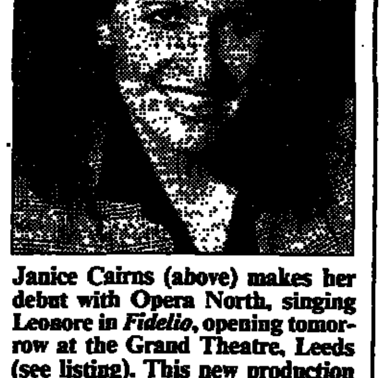
OPERA

☆ **COSI FAN TUTTE:** First night of English National Opera's revival, now with Felicity Lott and Della Jones, and conducted from the harpsichord by Graeme Jenkins.
Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London, WC2 (01-836 3161), 7-10.10pm, £2-£21.50.

☆ **TOSCA:** Revival of Welsh National Opera's production now on tour with Suzanne Murphy in the title role.
Mayflower Theatre, Southampton (0703 229771), 7.15-10.30pm, £6.50-£20.

☆ **IL SERAGLIO:** Opera 80's small scale but effective travelling production, now conducted by Stephen Barlow.
Derngate, Northampton, (0604 248111), 7.30-10.30pm, £3.50-£11.

★ **FIDELIO:** See caption.
Grand Theatre, Leeds (0532 459351), tomorrow, 7.15pm, £3.50-£17.50.



Janice Cairns (above) makes her debut with Opera North, singing Leonore in *Fidelio*, opening tomorrow at the Grand Theatre, Leeds (see listing). This new production of Beethoven's only opera is sung in English and features Donald Maxwell as Don Pizarro. The director, Michael McCarthy, and designer, Peter Mumford, stepped into their jobs at short notice after the original director, Graham Vick, and designer, Stefanos Lazarides, withdrew over a disagreement about the budget.

WALKS

A JOURNEY THROUGH DICKENS'S LONDON: meet Embankment tube, 11am, £2.25.

LEGAL LONDON – INSIDE THE LAW COURTS: meet Holborn tube, 2pm, £2.25.

THE FAMOUS SHERLOCK HOLMES DETECTIVE TRAIL: Baker Street, 7.30, £2.50 (also May 11).

ON THE TRAIL OF JACK THE RIPPER: meet Tower Hill, 7pm, £3 (also next Wed).

OTHER EVENTS

THE AYR SHOW: Major two-day event with classes and judging in cattle, sheep, goats, Clydesdales, light horses poultry and rabbits. Also tugs of war and motor bike displays.
Ayr Racecourse, Ayr. Today 8am to 8pm, Tomorrow 8am to 5pm. Admission today, tomorrow before 4pm £4 (child £2.50), after 4pm £2 (child 50p).

ISAAC NEWTON EXHIBITION: Open for two months, an exhibition about the life and work of Newton and his relationships with Lincolnshire. Some of his experiments — including those involving gravity — are on display.
Richmond House, Gainsborough, Lincolnshire (0427 2669). Daily until June 28 10am until dusk, free.

"THE HERDWICK PAPERS": Local authoress Nicky Wickstead presents a programme of light verse on a local scene. Slide talk show made by the Rare Breeds Survival Trust follows — *The Past in Our Future*.
Lake District National Park Visitor Centre, Brockhole, Windermere, Cumbria (09662 6601), £1.30 (child 65p).

TALKS

BABIES IN PAINTINGS: Gallery lecture by Vivienne Loren.
The National Gallery, Lower Floor Theatre, Trafalgar Square, London WC2 (01-839 3321), 1pm, free.

THEATRE MUSEUM LECTURE: Victor Lucas talks on David Garrick of Drury Lane.
Theatre Museum, 1e Tavistock Street, London WC2 (01-836 7891), 1.15pm, free.

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

SOUTH BANK: June programme includes Claudio Arrau 85th birthday concert; Jack Sarch memorial; and appearances by Kombi rock group from Poland, Balkana from Bulgaria. Henry Mancini, Ray Charles with Ronnie Scott Quintet, and MJQ.
South Bank Concert Halls, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800). Advance booking open, general booking from May 3/4.

MARTINI CELLOTHON 88: Weekend of concerts, recitals, master classes, films, exhibitions and lecture celebrating increased awareness of cello; under direction of Julian Lloyd Webber, including appearances by London Suzuki Group, and Amaryllis Fleming. June 3-5.
Queen Elizabeth Hall and Purcell Room, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800). Advance booking open, general booking from May 3/4.

SCOTTISH NATIONAL ORCHESTRA PROMS: 88 season includes Tchaikovsky and Beethoven nights; appearances by Craig Sheppard, Julian Lloyd Webber, Owain Arwel Hughes, Alexander Gibson.
Caird Hall, Dundee. May 19-21. Booking Office, 6 City Square, Dundee (0382 23141 ext 4286).

LAST CHANCE

GONE WITH THE WIND: Final performances of Ben Keaton play about a compulsive liar from Dublin who falls for a New York kleptomaniac. Ends Sat.
ICA, The Mall, London SW1. (01-930 3647).

THE PHARAOHS IN EDINBURGH: Treasures from the Egyptian city of Tanis, found in the tomb of Psusennes I. Ends Sat.
Arts Centre, Market Street, Edinburgh (031 557 2480).

Theatre: Jeremy Kingston; **Films:** Geoff Brown; **Concerts:** Max Harrison; **Opera:** Hilary Finch; **Rock:** David Sinclair; **Jazz:** Clive Davis; **Dance:** John Percival; **Galleries:** David Lee; **Walks and Talks:** Greta Carslaw; **Other Events:** Judy Froshaug; **Bookings:** Anne Whitehouse.

ENTERTAINMENTS

CONCERTS

ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL 01-928 3191 CC (928 8800) Tonight 7.30 pm PHILHARMONIA. Andrew Davis. Alison Hargan. Strauss: Symphonic Fragments from Die Liebeder Danae: Four Last Songs: Till Eulenspiegel: Der Rosenkavalier Suite

EXHIBITIONS

SURREALIST SPIRIT IN BRITAIN. Exhib works 1947 - 50. 27 April - 10 June. Mon - Fri 10-6. Whitford & Hughes, 6 Duke St, London SW1. Tel: 01-930 9332

OPERA & BALLET

COLISEUM S 836 3161 CC 240 5258 ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA. Ton't 7.00 Cosi Fan Tutte. Tomor 7.30 The Magic Flute.

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE 01 240 1066/1911. Stdby info 01 836 6903. Until 30 April Midland Bank Proms - 360 places available at £4 1 per person 1hr before perf. Ton't 7.30 THE ROYAL BALLET Swan Lake. Ballet casting info: 01 240 9815. Tomor 7.30 THE ROYAL OPERA Lucia di Lammermoor.

SADLER'S WELLS 278 8916 First Call CC 24 hr 7 day 240 7200. NORTHERN BALLET THEATRE Eves 7.30pm. Sat mat 2.30pm From Tomor until Sat Prog 2: COPPELIA.

THEATRES

ADELPHI 836 7611 or 240 7913/4 CC 741 9999/836 7358/379 6433 First call 24hr cc 240 7200 (no bkg fee) Groups 930 6123 NOW BOOKING TO 2 OCT ME AND MY GIRL THE LAMBETH WALK MUSICAL Nightly at 7.30 Mats Wed at 2.30 & Sat 4.30 & 8.00 "THE HAPPIEST SHOW IN TOWN" S Express

ALBERY 836 3878 cc 379 6565 741 9999 379 4444 240 7200 Groups 836 3962 NICHOLAS LYNDHURST "A Born Comedian" Gdn Larry Shue's new hit comedy THE FOREIGNER "Inspired and lunatic" Sheridan Morley Punch Eves 8 Mats Thurs & Sat 3 Now Booking to October OVER 100 PERFORMANCES!

ALDWYCH 836 6404 0641 cc 379 6233/741 9999 First Call 01 836 3464 (booking fee) Eves 7.30 Wed 2.30 Sat 4 & 8 FELICITY KENDAL NIGEL HAWTHORNE ROGER REES in HAPGOOD "TOM STOPPARD'S MOST CUNNING PLAY - A DAZZLING DOUBLE GAME OF PHYSICS AND ESPIONAGE — REMARKABLE" Guardian. Directed by PETER WOOD

AMBASSADORS 01-836 6111/2 cc 836 1171. CC with bkg fee 240 7200/01-741 9999/Grp Sales 930 6123. Eves 7.30, Wed mat 3, Sat 4 & 8 Royal Shakespeare Company's LES LIAISONS DANGEREUSES Winner of 4 "BEST PLAY" awards. Seats sometimes available - Call Today!

APOLLO VICTORIA SS 828 8665 cc 630 6262 Groups 828 6188 CC Open All Hours 379 4444 1st Call 240 7200 K Prowse 741 9999 Groups 930 6123 Eves 7.45 Mats Tue & Sat 3.0 "AMAZING" Times STARLIGHT EXPRESS Music by ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER Lyric by RICHARD STILGOE Directed by TREVOR NUNN SOME SEATS AVAIL THIS WEEK OAP's £5 on Tues mats NOW BOOKING TO SEPT

ARTS S 836 2132. CC 379 4444 24 hrs 7 days (no bkg fee) HULL TRUCK'S TEECHERS Remember BOUNCERS & UP 'N' UNDER? Don't miss JOHN GODBER'S latest comedy OPENS TONIGHT 7pm Mon-Thur 8: Fri & Sat 6.30 & 9

BARBICAN THEATRE 01 638 8891 cc (Mon-Sun 10am-8pm) ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY Ton't 7.30 Tomor 2.0 & 7.30 MERCHANT OF VENICE 'SUPREMELY INTELLIGENT PRODUCTION...FINELY PERFORMED' Time Out. THE JEW OF MALTA (Students tkts £5 in adv) rtns Fri 7.30. EARLY STAGES: PETER BROOK 'Live on Stage' Tomor 5.45. Seats £2. THE PIT Ton't 7.30. Tomor 2.0 & 7.30 TEMPTATION by Vaclav Havel. 'A joyously funny evening' Indep. CYMBELINE rtns Fri 7.30.

CHICHESTER FESTIVAL THEATRE 0243 781312 HAY FEVER Eves 7.30, Mats Thu & Sat 2.30.

COMEDY THEATRE 01-930 2578 VANESSA REDGRAVE TIMOTHY DALTON "Is simply magnificent" Time Out "A remarkable performance" FT in Eugene O'Neill's A TOUCH OF THE POET Directed by David Thacker "the acting... is of a richness and an unswerving truth that takes the breath away" Independent "The greatest dramatic evening in town" Intl Herald Tribune Evgs 7.30 Mats Sat 2.30. First call 24hr 7 day credit card bookings 01-240 7200. Open All Hours 01-379 4444 CCTB 01-741 9999 (Bkg fee). LAST 3 WEEKS.

DONMAR WAREHOUSE 240 8230 CC 379 6565/4444 CHEEK BY JOWL in A FAMILY AFFAIR. Eves 7.30. Thu Mat 2.30, Sat Mat 3.00 FROM TOMOR - MAY 21 ONLY.

DUKE OF YORKS 836 5122 cc 836 9837/379 4444/240 7200/741 9999 Groups 930 6123 AGATHA CHRISTIE'S AND THEN THERE WERE NONE "QUITE IRRESISTIBLE" D Mir "TRUE COMEDY THRILLER" LBC. Eves 8 Mats Thu 3 Sat 5

Cottesloe Theatre
REVISED PREVIEW DATES
Preview performances are now as follows for THE TEMPEST and THE WINTER'S TALE. All other previews remain unchanged.
Tonight THE TEMPEST
Tomorrow Fri & Sat: No Performances.
May 3 and 4: THE WINTER'S TALE
May 5 THE TEMPEST
Those with tickets for the dates which are affected may exchange for the new dates or obtain refunds from the Box Office. Please accept our most sincere apologies for these changes. They are to provide time for essential technical work on stage.
Some seats available from 10.00am on the day for all performances, limited to two per person.
NATIONAL THEATRE BOX OFFICE 01 928 2252

CRITERION S 930 3216 CC 379 6565/379 4444/741 9999. Groups 836 3962. Eves 8. Thur mat 2.30. Sat 5.30 & 8.30 "BRITISH FARCE AT ITS BEST" D Mail The Theatre of Comedy Company PATRICK MOWER JOHN QUAYLE ERNIE WISE UNA STUBBS AIMI MACDONALD RON ALDRIDGE LESLIE LAWTON RUN FOR YOUR WIFE! LONDON'S LONGEST RUNNING COMEDY Written and directed by RAY COONEY Over 2000 side-splitting perfs "SHOULD RUN FOR LIFE" S. Ex

DRURY LANE THEATRE ROYAL Box Office & CC 01-836 8108. 01-240 9066/7. Open All Hours 01 379 4444 (no bkg fee) First Call 24hr 7 day cc bkgs on 01 240 7200 (no bkg fee). David Merrick's 42ND STREET A SHOW FOR ALL THE FAMILY Winner of all the best Musical Awards for 1984 voted BEST MUSICAL STANDARD DRAMA AWARDS voted BEST MUSICAL LAURENCE OLIVIER AWARD voted BEST MUSICAL PLAYS & PLAYERS LONDON THEATRE CRITICS AWARD Evgs 8.0 Mats Wed 3.0. Sat 5.0 & 8.30. Reduced price mat Weds. Students and OAP's standby. Group Sales 930 6123 4TH GREAT YEAR

FORTUNE THEATRE 836 2238 cc with bkg fee First Call 24hr/7 days 240 7200/CCTB 741 9999/Open All Hours 379 4444 Group Sales 930 6123. Eves 8.00. Wed mats 3.00. Sats 5.30 & 8.30. DINSDALE LANDEN HILARY TINDALL and JEREMY BULLOCH in DANGEROUS OBSESSION By N.J. Crisp "HOLDS YOUR NERVES AT GUNPOINT" Daily Mail NOW BOOKING TO END AUGUST

GARRICK 379 6107 CC 240 7200 24 hrs 7 days 741 9999/379 4444 open all hours (no bkg fee) Grps 240 7941 NOEL COWARD'S EASY VIRTUE "...a triumph" D.Mail Mon to Fri 8pm Tues Mat 3pm Sat 5pm & 8.15pm

GLOBE THEATRE 01 437 3667/741 9999. First Call 836 3464 (bkg fee). MAGGIE SMITH MARGARET TYZACK in LETTICE AND LOVAGE a new comedy by PETER SHAFFER with RICHARD PEARSON directed by MICHAEL BLAKEMORE Evgs 7.45, Sat Mat 3.00

GREENWICH THEATRE 01-858 7755. cc 01 853 3800 (no bkg fee) Evenings at 7.45, Sat mats 2.30 THE MUSICAL COMEDY MURDERS OF 1940 A comedy-thriller by JOHN BISHOP "Fun almost as plentiful as the bodies" Std. "Excellent Company" Times. "Well cast and enjoyable production" FT.

HAMPSTEAD 722 9301 Eves 8pm Sat 4.30 & 8.30pm ARTHUR MILLER'S DANGER: MEMORY! "Miller writing as well as ever" FT. "Acting as brilliant as to be educational" S Tel. Extended to 21 May.

HER MAJESTY'S Haymarket 839 2244 CC 24hr 379 4444 (bkg fee) 240 7200 (bkg fee) Group Sales 930 6123 ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER'S AWARD WINNING MUSICAL THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA DAVE WILLETTS CLAIRE MOORE MICHAEL BALL Jan Hartley Morris plays Christine at certain performances Directed by HAROLD PRINCE Eves 7.45 Mats Wed & Sat 3 Postal applications ONLY Mon-Fri Jan to March '89

HAYMARKET THEATRE ROYAL Box Office & cc 01-930 9832 Opens May 24 for 10 weeks only PENELOPE KEITH ANTHONY BATE JOHN NORMINGTON and DAVID YELLAND in THE DEEP BLUE SEA by Terence Rattigan Directed by Alan Strachan Evgs 7.30 Mats Weds & Sats 3.00

HAYMARKET THEATRE ROYAL Box Office & cc 01-930 9832 MICHAEL HORDERN "A comic gem" Gdn. IRENE WORTH "A glorious performance" D.Tel and MICHAEL DENISON "..Nimble and Mercilessly Perceptive" S. Times in YOU NEVER CAN TELL by Bernard Shaw Toby Robertson's "splendidly choreographed production" D.Tel Evgs 7.30 Mats Weds & Sats 3.00 First Call 24hr 7-day cc bkgs 01-240 7200 (bkg fee) Open All Hours 01-379 4444 (bkg fee) Group Sales 01-930 6123 LAST 4 WEEKS

LONDON PALLADIUM 01-437 7373 Evgs 7.30 Mats. Weds (Except April 27) & Sats 2.45 Credit Cards 01-437 6891 Party Bookings 01-437 2055 Also 24 hours 7 days a week through First Call 01-240 7200 ZIEGFELD A Musical Extravaganza Party Rates available Mon to Thurs evgs and Sat mats. excl. Dec 28.

LYRIC HAMMERSMITH 01 741 2311. (01 240 7200 7 day Bkg fee for Faust only) Goethe's FAUST Pts 1 & 2 Eves 7.30 pm. This week. Pt 1: Ton't, Fri, Sat mat 2.30pm. Pt 2: Thurs. Sat 7.30pm. STUDIO: ATC presents PRINCESS IVONA Eves 8pm.

LYRIC THEATRE 01-437 3686 / 01-734 8166 Reduced price prevs from May 5. Opens May 9 at 7.0 EMERALD CITY "A sparkling new David Williamson comedy." Eves 8.0 Mats Thurs 3.0 Sats 5.0 & 8.30. Open All Hours 01-379 4444 CCTB 01-741 9999 (No Bkg Fee). First Call 24hr 7 day cc bkgs 01-240 7200 (Bkg Fee). Group Sales 01-930 6123.

MAYFAIR CC 629 3036 379 4444 Mon Thu 8 Fri & Sat 5.40 & 8.10 RICHARD TODD in "The Best Thriller for years" S Mir THE BUSINESS OF MURDER "An unabashed winner" S Exp "Sensational" Times 8TH THRILLING YEAR!

MERMAID THEATRE 01-236 5568/638 8891 cc 741 9999 & cc (with bkg fee) 240 7200 EMILE ZOLA'S NANA "REEKS OF SEX & PLEASURE" T. Out. Eves 7.30, Wed mats 3.00, Sats 4.30 & 8.00 WED & SAT MATS ALL SEATS £6. LAST 2 WEEKS! - ENDS 7 MAY

NATIONAL THEATRE SE1 Box Office & CC 01-928 2252 Agencies, bkg fee: 379 4444/240 7200/741 9999 NATIONAL THEATRE OLIVIER Sat 7.15 (Preview) THE SHAUGHRAUN. LYTTELTON Ton't, Tomor 7.45 CAT ON A HOT TIN ROOF by Tennessee Williams. COTTESLOE Ton't No Perf. Cheap seats days of perfs all theatres from 10am

NEW LONDON Drury Lane WC2 405 0072 CC 404 4079 OPEN ALL HOURS 379 4444. Tkts from W H Smith Travel Branches. Eves 7.45 Tue & Sat 3.00 & 7.45 THE ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER /T.S. ELIOT MUSICAL CATS Group Bookings 01 930 6123 or 01 405 1567. NOW BOOKING TO OCT 29

OLD VIC 928 7616 CC 261 1821. cc with booking fee 240 7200/379 4444/741 9999 ONE WAY PENDULUM an absurd comedy by NF Simpson PREVIEWS FROM TOMORROW (Press Night 3 May 7pm) Eves 7.30, Wed mats 2.30, Sat 4.00 & 7.45 LIMITED SEASON!

PALACE THEATRE 434 0909 24hrs cc 379 4444 (bkg fee) 240 7200 (bkg fee) Groups 930 6123 "THE SHOW OF ALL SHOWS" Newsweek Winner of 8 Tony Awards inc BEST MUSICAL LES MISERABLES THE MUSICAL SENSATION Eves 7.30 Mats Thu & Sat 2.30 Latecomers not admitted until the interval "FIGHT TO GET A TICKET" LBC NOW BOOKING TO MAR 31 '89

PHOENIX THEATRE 01 836 2294 credit cards 240 9661/741 9999 & 24 hr cc with bkg fee 379 4444/240 7200. RIK MAYALL JOHN SESSIONS STEPHEN FRY JOHN GORDON SINCLAIR SARAH BERGER PAUL MOONEY THE COMMON PURSUIT written and directed by SIMON GRAY "THIS TRUTHFUL & SEDUCTIVE COMEDY IS A TOTAL SUCCESS" Observer. Mon-Thu 8pm, Fri & Sat 6pm & 8.45pm

PICCADILLY 437 4506 CC 379 6565/4444 Open All Hours/741 9999 Grp 836 3962. "A MARVEL OF A SHOW" Whats On BLUES IN THE NIGHT LOW PRICE SHOWS FRI & SAT 6.30 Mon-Thu 8, Fri-Sat 6.30 & 9

PLAYHOUSE THEATRE Northumberland Avenue WC2 01-839 4401 & cc (24 hr/7 day with bkg fee) 240 7200. Eves 7.30, Matinees Thur & Sat 2.30 THE NEW VIC'S ONE FLEW OVER THE CUCKOO'S NEST by Dale Wasserman based on the novel by Ken Kesey "EVEN BETTER THAN THE FILM" Ind. UNTIL MAY 7

PLAYHOUSE WC2 839 4401 CC 01 240 7200 (24 hrs bkg fee)/01 741 9999 (bkg fee)/01 379 4444 (24 hrs bkg fee) Grps 01 240 7941 "This lovely story moves you to laughter and tears... unforgettable" S. Post CATHERINE COOKSON'S THE FIFTEEN STREETS Opens May 20 at 7.00pm. Red price prevs from May 13. Eves 7.30 Thur & Sat Mats 2.30

PRINCE EDWARD 734 8951 ALL tel cc bkgs FIRST CALL 24 hour 7 day on 836 3464 Group Sales 930 6123. Eves 7.30 Mats Thurs & Sat 2.30 BEST MUSICAL 1986 Drama Magazine CHESS "A GRAND MASTER OF A SHOW" Newsweek

PRINCE OF WALES 839 5989 GEMMA CRAVEN EMILE BELCOURT RODGERS & HAMMERSTEIN'S SOUTH PACIFIC "WALL-TO-WALL SHOW STOPPERS" D Exp "TERRIFIC" Times "A Great Musical" S Times Monday - Saturday 7.30 Matinees Wed & Sat 2.30 Credit Cards 24 hrs 01 836 3464 Group Sales 930 6123

QUEENS 734 1166/0261/0120 cc 741 9999/379 4444 24hr 7day cc 836 3464 (bkg fee) Group Sales 930 6123. FRANK FINLAY OWEN WATFORD "A SMASH HIT" The People by JEFFREY ARCHER BEYOND REASONABLE DOUBT MARIUS GORING JEFFRY WICKHAM JOHN BARRON Directed by DAVID GILMORE Mon-Sat 8 Mat Thu 3 Sat 4.30 Some goods seats available for Matinee tomorrow

RAYMOND REVUEBAR CC 734 1593 Mon-Sat two shows nightly 8pm & 10pm. Paul Raymond presents THE FESTIVAL OF EROTICA 1958 - 1988. Now celebrating 30 sensational years at the World's centre of Erotic Entertainment.

ROYALTY WC2 01 831 0660 CC 01 240 7200 (bkg fee). FINAL WEEK - ENDS SAT Eves 8pm. Mats Wed 3pm. Sat 5pm "the most distinguished and most moving performance in London at the moment" S Times PAUL EDDINGTON "in towering form" and DOROTHY TUTIN "equally fine" S Express in "THE ROYALTY THEATRE COMPANY'S magnificent production of TERENCE RATTIGAN'S masterpiece" Ind THE BROWNING VERSION and HARLEQUINADE. co-starring JEAN ANDERSON JOHN DUTTINE ANNA QUAYLE JACK WATLING "A super double-bill I implore you to see" S Exp

SAVOY THEATRE 01-836 8888 CC 379 6219/836 0479 CC (with bkg fee) 379 4444/240 7200/741 9999 Grps 930 6123 Eves 7.30, mats Wed & Sat 3.00 Royal Shakespeare Company in AWARD-WINNING MUSICAL KISS ME KATE with JAMES SMILLIE NICHOLA McAULIFFE TIM FLAVIN ANDREE BERNARD "THE BEST MUSICAL IN LONDON" N.Y. Post

STRAND 836 2660 cc 836 4143/5190 1st Call 24hr 836 3464 (bkg fee) Groups 930 6123 BARRY HUMPHRIES "The Greatest Comic Entertainer of our Time" Ind is BACK WITH A VENGEANCE! "By far the funniest new show of the year...phenomenal, explosive and entertaining" Obs Tues-Fri 7.30 Sat 2.30 & 8. Season extended to July 9 Royal Charity Perf in the presence of Their Royal Highnesses The Duke & Duchess of York Mon 2 May. Tickets from £20 (inc donation)

SHAFTESBURY THEATRE 379 5399 CC 741 9999 (bkg fee) 24hrs cc 379 4444 (bkg fee) 240 7200 (bkg fee) Group Sales 930 6123 BEST MUSICAL Laurence Olivier Awards 1987 Drama Magazine Awards 1987 Plays & Players Award 1987 Standard Drama Awards 1987 BEST MUSICAL DIANA RIGG JULIA McKENZIE DANIEL MASSEY DAVID HEALY & DOLORES GRAY FOLLIES The Sondheim/Goldman Musical "A TRULY FANTASTIC EVENING" F.T. Eves 7.45 Mats Wed & Sat 3. APPLY DAILY FOR RETURNS Box office phones open 10am-8pm Discounts available for groups for Wed Mats.

ST MARTIN'S 01-836 1443. Special CC No. 379 4444. Evgs 8.0 Tues 2.45, Sat 5.0 and 8.0 36TH YEAR OF AGATHA CHRISTIE'S THE MOUSETRAP

STRATFORD UPON AVON Box Office & cc (0789) 295623 First Call (with bkg fee) 01 240 7200 (RST only). Royal Shakespeare Company at RST. No Perfs Tonight Macbeth. Tomor, Fri, Sat 7.30. Mat Sat 1.30. Swan Theatre Plain Dealer Tonight 7.00. Tomor, Fri, Sat 7.30, Mats Tomor, Sat 1.30. Stop - Over Meal/ticket/ hotel package (0789) 414999.

VAUDEVILLE 836 9987/5645 cc 741 9999 1st Call 836 3464 (Bkg Fee) REDUCED PREVIEWS FROM MAY 12 Eves 7.45, Sats 5.0 & 8.30 Opening May 24 at 7.0 MICHAEL GAMBON JONATHAN PRYCE IMELDA STAUNTON BENJAMIN WHITROW and GRETA SCACCHI in UNCLE VANYA by ANTON CHEKHOV in a new translation by MICHAEL FRAYN Dir by MICHAEL BLAKEMORE

VAUDEVILLE 836 9987/5645 PAULINE COLLINS in SHIRLEY VALENTINE By Willy Russell Directed by Simon Callow "Go to the Vaudeville at the first available gap in your diary" D. Mail Evgs 7.30 Mats Wed 2.30 1st Call 24hr 7 day cc 836 2428 (bkg fee) CCTB 741 9999 (no bkg fee) FINAL WEEK

VICTORIA PALACE Box Office & cc 834 1317 cc 741 9999 1st Call 24hr 7 day 240 7200 (bkg fee) Open All Hours 379 4444 (bkg fee) Group Sales 930 6123. ROBERT HARDY & VIRGINIA McKENNA in WINNIE Songs...Laughter...& Victory Prevs from May 19

WYNDHAM'S 836 3028 cc 379 6565/741 9999/379 4444/240 7200 No bkg fees Grps 836 3962 From 5 May SUSAN HAMPSHIRE in MARRIED LOVE by Peter Luke Directed by JOAN PLOWRIGHT Red price prevs 5 - 11 May inc. Mon - Fri 8.00, Sat 5.00 & 8.15 Wed mat 3.00 (no mat 11 May)

WESTMINSTER 834 0283 CC 834 0048 741 9999 (no bkg fee) 240 7200 - 24 hrs 7 days (bkg fee) 379 4444 Open All Hrs (bkg fee) Tues-Sat 7.45 Wed & Thurs Mat 2.30 Sat Mat 3.00 "SPELL-BINDING" FT THE MIRACLE WORKER The Story of young Helen Keller FINAL WEEK

WHITEHALL 01-930 7765/839 4455 CC 379 6565/4444/240 7200/741 9999 No bkg fee Grps 01 240 7941 JOURNEY'S END "An unforgettable masterpiece" S.Tel. By R C SHERRIFF'S Directed by Justin Greene Eves 7.45. Mats Tomor. Sat 3.00

WYNDHAM'S 836 3028 CC 379 6565/4444 (no bkg fee) and 741 9999/240 7200 (bkg fee) Groups 836 3962 BEST PLAY Plays & Players Magazine BEST COMEDY Eve Std Drama Awards BEST NEW PLAY City Limits BEST PLAYWRIGHT Time Out BEST PLAY 1987 Laurence Olivier Awards Royal Court production of Caryl Churchill's SERIOUS MONEY Dir by Max Stafford-Clark Eves 8.0 Fri 3.0 & 8.15. Sat 4.0 & 8.15 LAST WEEK

ART GALLERIES

FISCHER FINE ART, 30 King St, St. James's, SW1. 839 3942. JOHN HUBBARD - Alhambra: Paintings, Drawings and related works. Until 13 May. Mon-Fri 10-5.30:Sats 10-12.30.

MARTYN GREGORY: Early English Watercolours. 13-30 April. 10-6 (Sats. 10-1). 34 Bury St. St James's. London SW1. (01-839 3731).

MEDICI GALLERIES, 7 Grafton St. Bond St. W1. 629 5675. L.S. LOWRY: Fortnight: Signed Limited Edition Prints. 25 Apr to 6 May. Mon-Fri 9-5.30.

MICHAEL ROSENAUER, Architect (1884-1971). Vienna - London - New York. An exhibition of his Life and Work. Gallery Lingard at The Building Centre Gallery. 26 Store Street, London WC1. 7-28 April 1988. Mon-Fri 9.30-5pm; Sat 10-1pm. Tel: 01-930 1645.

ROYAL ACADEMY OF ARTS. PICCADILLY, W1. 01-439 7438. Open daily 10 - 6 inc. Sun. (reduced rate Sun. until 1.45). CEZANNE: THE EARLY YEARS 1859 - 1872 & OLD MASTER PAINTINGS FROM THE THYSSEN-BORNEMISZA COLLECTION (including works by Duccio, Durer, Holbein, El Greco, Rubens, van Dyck, Watteau, Goya).

SPINK, King Street, St. James's, SW1. Annual Exhibition of English Watercolours - until 6th May. Islamic & Hindu Jewellery - until 13th May. Mon-Fri 9.30-5.30.

THE MALL GALLERIES, The Mall, London SW1 (Nr Admiralty Arch). THE SINGER & FRIEDLANDER SUNDAY TIMES WATERCOLOUR COMPETITION. An Exhibition of Landscapes and Seascapes. 29th April - 7th May. 10-5 daily. 01-930 6844.

W.H. PATTERSON 19 Albemarle St. London W1. 01-629 4119. "Spring Exhibition" European Masters of the 19th Century including works by JF Herring, BW Leader, CJ Grips, C Leickert, A de Breanski, W Koekkoek, FW Watts, SR Percy, E Pritchett, FR Unterberger. Daily 9.30-6pm.

CINEMAS

CHELSEA CINEMA Kings Road SW3 351 3742 BABETTE'S FEAST (U) Oscar Winner Best Foreign Film. Progs 2.10 4.20 6.35 8.50

CURZON MAYFAIR Curzon St 499 3737. Yves Montand in MANON DES SOURCES (PG) Film at 1.15 (not Sun) 3.30 6.00 8.30. "It has the mark of a classic" Times.

CURZON PHOENIX Phoenix St off Charing Cross Rd 240 9661 ALEC GUINNESS & DEREK JACOBI in LITTLE DORRIT (U) Part 1: Mon, Wed, 12.30; Fri, Sat, Sun, Tues, Thurs, 4.00; Fri, Mon, Wed 7.30. Part 2: Fri, Sat, Tues, Thurs 12.30; Mon, Wed 4.00; Sat, Sun, Tues, Thurs, 7.30. LAST WEEKS.

CURZON WEST END Shaftesbury Avenue W1 439 4805. GRETA SCACCHI & CHARLES DANCE in WHITE MISCHIEF (18) Film at 2.00 (not Sun) 4.10 6.20 8.40. LAST WEEKS.

LEICESTER SQUARE THEATRE (930 5252) THE BELIEVERS (18) Sep progs Daily 12.50 3.25 6.00 8.40. All progs bookable in advance. Credit Card Hot Line (Access/Visa/ AmEx) 930 7615. 24 hour service.

LUMIERE CINEMA St Martin's Lane WC2 379 3014/836 0691 Bertolucci's THE LAST EMPEROR (15) 1.20 4.35 7.55 & Late Night Fri/Sat 11.15pm. EXCLUSIVE 70mm DOLBY /STEREO PRESENTATION. ADVANCE BOOKING OFFICE OPEN DAILY 12.30 - 9pm. TICKETS FOR 4.35 & 7.55 BOOKABLE ACCESS/VISA.

MINEMA 45 KNIGHTSBRIDGE 235 4225 EMPIRE OF THE SUN (PG) Daily 3.0 6.0 9.0.

ODEON HAYMARKET (839 7697) BROADCAST NEWS (15) Sep progs Daily 2.00 5.00 8.10. All seats bookable in advance. Access and Visa telephone bookings welcome. Closed Today for Royal Charity Premiere of WALL STREET (15) in the presence of HRH The Princess of Wales.

ODEON LEICESTER SQUARE (930 6111) Info 930 4250 / 4259. THREE MEN AND A BABY (PG) Sep progs Daily 12.45 3.15 6.00 8.45. Doors open 12.30 3.00 5.30 8.15. All progs bookable in advance. Credit Card Hot Line (Access/Visa/ Amex) 930 3232 or 839 1929. 24 hour service.

ODEON MARBLE ARCH (723 2011) HOPE AND GLORY (15) Sep progs Daily 1.25 3.45 6.05 8.25. All seats bookable in advance. Access and Visa telephone bookings welcome.

RENOIR Brunswick Sq. WC1 (RUSSELL SQUARE TUBE) 837 8402
1. BABETTE'S FEAST (U) Oscar Winner Best Foreign Film. Progs 2.10 4.20 6.35 8.50.
2. Herzog's COBRA VERDE (PG) Progs 3.00 5.00 7.00 9.00.

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TELEVISION AND RADIO

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Compiled by Peter Dear and Jane Rackham

BBC1

6.00 Ceefax AM.
6.35 Edgar Kennedy in *Heart Burn* (b/w). **6.55 Weather**
7.00 Breakfast Time with John Stapleton and Jeremy Paxman. Includes national and international news at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00** and **8.30**; regional news and travel reports at **7.15, 7.45** and **8.15**; and weather at **7.25, 7.55** and **8.25. 8.55** Regional news and weather
9.00 News and weather followed by **The Pink Panther Show.** Three cartoons (r). **9.20 Kilroy!** Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a studio *discussion on adult illiteracy.*
10.00 News and weather followed by **One of the Family.** A series on keeping pets: This morning advice on choosing a kitten, how to feed it and protect it from disease (r). **10.25 Children's BBC.** Andy Crane with *programme news and birthday* greetings followed by **Play School,** presented by Jane Hardy with guest Robin Kingsland (r), and **Paddington** (r). **10.55 Five to Eleven.** Emma Thompson with a reading
11.00 News and weather followed by **World Snooker.** *Quarter-final* action featuring matches between Steve Davis and Tony Drago and Neal Foulds against Terry Griffiths, introduced by David Icke. Includes *news and* weather at **12.00. 12.55** Regional news and weather.
1.00 One O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. Weather. **1.30 Neighbours.** Mrs Mangel receives a surprise when she tries to meddle in her granddaughter's affairs.
1.50 Racing from Ascot. The Insulak Stakes (2.00). (coverage *continues on BBC2*).
2.15 Film: Because He's My Friend (1978) starring *Karen Black* and Keir Dullea. A made-for-television story about the strains put on a marriage by the couple's retarded son. Directed by *Ralph Nelson.*
3.50 SuperTed (r). **4.00 Pie in the Sky** (r). **4.15 Yogi's Treasure Hunt** (r). **4.30 Take Two.** Junior *Points of View* presented by Phillip Schofield. This week *Andy Crane and Children's BBC* come in for comment.
5.00 Newsround 5.10 Running Scared. The final episode of the drama serial (r). **5.35 Neighbours** (r).
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Nicholas Witchell and Andrew Harvey. Weather. **6.35 London Plus**
7.00 Wogan. In the studio tonight are Christopher Reeve and David Puttnam. Plus clips from earlier shows featuring, among others, Michael Douglas, Bette Davis, Roger Moore and Bob Hope.
7.35 The Clothes Show from the Glasgow Garden Festival where *Selina Scott* investigates fashion north of the border (r).
8.00 Dallas. Clayton *discovers* that associating with the lovely Laurel leads to blackmail; April *receives unpleasant visitors;* and Nicholas Pearce has to leave town in a hurry. (Ceefax)
8.50 Points of View
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis and Moira Stuart. Regional news and weather.
9.30 An Ocean Apart. This second of seven programmes presented by David Dimbleby about the relationship between Britain and the United States tells the remarkable story of 1920s *subterfuge and secrecy* as America challenged Britain's supremacy over world trade. (Ceefax)
10.30 Sportsnight. Snooker: quarter-*final matches involving Steve James and Jimmy White;* **Greyhound Racing:** the final of the 1988 TV Trophy; **Cricket:** a review of the first 25 years of one-day *cricket;* **Rugby League:** a preview of Saturday's Challenge Cup final.
12.10am Weather.

ITV/LONDON

6.00 TV-am begins with **The Sports Show** introduced by Geoff Clark; ***6.30 The Morning Show*** *with* Richard Keys; **7.00 Good Morning Britain** presented by Anne Diamond and Mike Morris. After Nine includes a discussion on the Black Report.
9.25 Thames news.
9.30 Cross Wits. Word game *presented by Tom O'Connor.* The guests are Pam Ayres and Colin Baker **10.00 Santa Barbara** **10.25** *News* headlines.
10.30 The Time. . .The Place. . . Mike Scott chairs a discussion on a topical subject **11.10 Allsorts 11.25 Thames** *news headlines.*
11.30 Getting On. This final programme of the series for the older viewer comes from the Bedford Retirement Education Centre where Graham Paterson defends his newspaper article in which he described *today's pensioners as the nouveaux riches* in debate with Jack Jones, vice president of the Pensioners' Convention.
12.00 The Sullivans 12.30 Quandaries. Quiz series presented by Matthew Kelly. The guest is Faith Brown.
1.00 News at One with Julia Somerville **1.20 Thames news** followed by **Crimestoppers 1.30 A Country Practice.** Medical drama series set in a remote *Australian sheep township.*
2.25 Votes for Women, presented by Sheena McDonald, discusses the current controversy over brain implants.
2.55 Take the High Road. Alice tells Brian what he needs to know and he acts decisively **3.20** Thames *news headlines* **3.25 Sons and Daughters.** Australian family drama serial.
3.55 International Football. Live coverage of the friendly game in *Budapest* between Hungary and England. Brian Moore is the commentator, with analyses by Brian Clough. Followed by **news.**
6.05 Thames news.
6.25 Help with details of SANDS – *the Stillbirth and Neonatal Death* Society.
6.30 Emmerdale Farm. Sandie makes a shocking discovery about Phil and Eric Pollard.
7.00 Trading Places. Part three of Paul Heiney's series on the people of the European Community focuses on Spain. (Oracle)
7.30 Coronation Street. Alec Gilroy is having staff problems. (Oracle)
8.00 The Benny Hill Show. Comedy sketches larded with innuendo.
9.00 ***The Return of Sherlock*** **Holmes: The Bruce Partington Plans.** In this final mystery of *the series the master detective* investigates the death of a man found by a railway line. On *him* there are plans of a secret submarine – is the man a traitor?
10.00 News at Ten with Sandy Gall and Carol Barnes.
10.35 Midweek Sport Special. *International football dominates* with action from matches in Budapest, between Hungary and England, in Dublin between the Republic of Ireland and Yugoslavia, *and in Madrid* where Spain meet Scotland.
12.00 Film: The Border (1980) starring *Telly Savalas and Eddie* Albert. Drama about the never-ending battle by United States border guards to stop illegal immigrants and drugs runners *from crossing over from* Mexico. Directed by Christopher Leitch.
1.30 America's Top Ten presented by Casey Kasem.
2.00 News headlines followed by **Film: Dr Terror's House of Horrors** (1964) starring Peter Cushing *and Christopher Lee. A series of* five horror stories. Directed by Freddie Francis.
4.00 News headlines followed by **WKRP in Cincinnati.** Comedy series.
4.30 Fifty Years On. Vintage newsclips.
5.00 ITN Morning News. Ends **6.00.**

VARIATIONS

BBC1 WALES: 5.35pm-6.00 Wales Today 6.35-7.00 News followed by Neighbours 12.10am-12.15 News and weather SCOTLAND: 10.50am-11.00 Dotaman 6.35 Reporting Scotland 7.00-7.35 The Empire Exhibition: Fifty Years On NORTHERN IRELAND: 5.35pm Today's Sport 5.40-6.00 Inside Ulster 6.35 Neighbours 6.55-7.00 News 7.35-8.00 Donaghadee 10.30-12.10am Sportsnight ENGLAND: 6.35pm-7.00 Regional news magazines

BBC2 NORTHERN IRELAND: 10.38am-11.00 Ulster in Focus

ANGLIA As London except: 12.00-12.30pm Gardens for All 1.20-1.30 News 6.05-6.30 About Anglia 12.00 Film: The Thing 2.00am Soap 2.30 Film: Sweet Scent of Death 4.00 Jacksons 4.35-5.00 Fifty Years On.

BORDER As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News 3.25-3.55 Young Doctors 6.05-6.25 Lookaround 9.30-10.00 Trading Places 10.35 Return of Sherlock Holmes 11.35 Benny Hill Show 12.35am Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except: 12.00 Home Cookery 12.05pm Quandaries 12.35-1.00 Young Doctors 1.20 News 1.30-2.25 Falcon Crest 3.25-3.55 Sons and Daughters 6.05-6.30 News 12.05am Film: The Bad Seed 1.50 Donahue 2.45 Alfred Hitchcock Presents 3.10 Best of the Best Club 4.10-5.00 Jobfinder.

CHANNEL As London except: 12.00 Bygones 12.30pm-1.00 Sullivans 1.20 News 1.30 Shamrock, Rose and Thistle 2.00 Country Practice 2.30 Take the High Road 2.55 Quandaries 3.25-3.55 Young Doctors 6.05-6.30 Channel Report 12.15am They Came From Beyond Space 1.30 Off the Wall 2.30 Company, Closedown.

GRANADA As London except: 1.20pm Granada Reports 1.30-2.25 Quincy 3.25-3.55 Young Doctors 6.05-6.30 Granada Reports 12.05am Film: The Bad Seed 1.50 Donahue 2.45 Sports Action 3.45 Videopix 4.45-5.00 Jobfinder.

HTV WEST As London except: 12.00-12.30pm Gardening Time 1.20 News 1.30-2.25 Falcon Crest 6.05-6.30 News 12.00 Nothing But the Best 12.30am Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: 6.05pm-6.30 Wales at Six.

SCOTTISH As London except: 12.00-12.30pm Gardening Time 1.20 News 1.30-2.25 Love Boat 2.55 In Loving Memory 3.20 Heathalchean Neontach 3.55 Film: Smurfs and the Magic Flute 5.20-5.50 Winners Takes All 6.05 Scotland Today 6.25 Emmerdale Farm 6.55 Coronation Street 7.25 Football: Spain v Scotland 9.30-10.00 Trading Places 10.35 Return of Sherlock Holmes 11.35 Benny Hill Show 12.35am Film: Third Alibi 1.50 Donahue 2.45 Spanish Connection 3.45 Videopix 4.45-5.00 Jobfinder.

TSW As London except: 12.00-12.30pm Country Practice 1.20 News 1.30-2.25 Falcon Crest 6.05-6.30 Today 12.00 Starring the Actors 12.30am Postscript. Closedown.

TVS As London except: 12.00 Bygones 12.30pm-1.00 Sullivans 1.20 News 1.30 Coast to Coast People 2.00 Country Practice 2.25 Take the High Road 2.55 Quandaries 3.25-3.55 Young Doctors 6.05-6.30 Coast to Coast 12.00 Film: They Came from Beyond Space 1.45am Off the Wall 2.45 Company, Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News 6.05-6.30 Northern Life 12.00 Epilogue 12.10am-6.00 Jobfinder.

ULSTER As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 Newstime 3.25-3.55 Lifestyles 6.05 Six Tonight 6.20-6.30 Preview 12.00 Live from Wilebski's 12.25am Newstime. Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except: 12.00-12.30pm Lunchtime Live 1.20 News 1.30-2.25 Falcon Crest 6.05-6.30 Calendar 12.00 Twilight Zone 12.30am Jobfinder 1.30 Closedown.

S4C Starts: 9.30am Schools 12.00 Countdown 12.30pm Business Daily 1.00 Open College 2.00 Pob's Programme 2.30 Aranjuez Concerto 3.00 Old Country 3.30 Mister Ed* 4.15 Ffalabalam 4.30 Bilidowcar 5.00 Abracadabra 5.30 Love Affair with Nature 6.00 Lost in Space* 7.00 Newyddion Saith 7.30 Yn Y Canol 8.00 Hel Straeon 8.35 Almanac 9.40 Sniwcer 10.10 Film: I Wake Up Screaming* 11.40 Cheers 12.10am Week in Politics 12.40 Closedown.

RTE 1 Starts: 3.00pm 'Live' at Three 4.00 Dempsey's Den 4.30 Happy Birthday 4.35 Alvin and the Chipmunks 5.05 Look Around 5.15 Real Ghostbusters 5.45 News 6.00 Angelus 6.01 Newstime 6.30 Thuy, The Boy They Couldn't Send Back 7.00 Evening Extra 7.30 No Doubt About It 8.00 Magnum 9.00 News 9.30 Today Tonight 10.30 Hoover versus the Kennedys 11.25 News, Closedown.

RTE 2 Starts: 2.30pm Punchestown Racing, Interlude 5.15 Emmerdale Farm 5.30 Wild Heritage 6.00 9 to 5 6.30 Country Practice 7.00 ALF 7.30 Coronation Street 8.00 Nuacht 8.10 Cursai 8.40 Cheers 9.10 Cork International Choral and Folk Festival 10.10 Newsnight 10.30 Soccer: Ireland v Yugoslavia 11.20 Nightlight, Closedown.

P. D. James talks about The Bible, in her opinion the greatest work of English literature (Bookmark: BBC2, 7.55pm)

A literary guide to the good book

TELEVISION CHOICE

● *For its last programme of the series* **Bookmark** (BBC2, *7.55pm) takes on the biggest* book of all, the one volume guaranteed to outsell Lenin, Agatha Christie and Enid Blyton and probably all three. It is, of course, the Bible, to which the show is intended as a "literary guide". But if that is the brief, it is only spasmodically adhered to. The nearest thing to a literary appreciation is the contribution of P. D. James (curiously captioned as "author of *A Taste For Death*", as if this made her specially qualified to speak on the good book). The Authorised Version, she contends, is the single greatest work of English literature, an achievement all the more remarkable since it was carried out by a committee of 47. She talks about how the *sounds and meanings of* words are beautifully wedded and alludes to the wonderful, subtle rhythms of the prose. You begin to wish there was more of P. D. James and less of some of the other contributors, *particularly when they* stray so far from the point. There is even "a philosopher", shouting above the traffic on the Thames Embankment, who appears to deny the Bible's central tenets. The talking heads are interspersed with readings by Anthony *Hopkins,* a passage from Job being set to images from the London rush hour. *Richard* Gere turns up briefly as a TV King David and there is a clip from Pasolini's film, *The Gospel According to St Matthew.* The clip is not identified and bang goes the chance to speculate on why the finest film on the life of Christ should have been made by a Marxist. The programme was directed by *James Runcie,* whose archbishop father might have had *something* to say on the subject but is conspicuous *only by his absence.*

Peter Waymark

BBC2

6.55 Open University: Health Visiting and the Family. *Ends* at **7.20. 9.00** *Ceefax.*
9.38 Daytime on Two: statistics – sampling and probability **10.00** For four- and five-year olds **10.15** Seeds and plants **10.38** *How a small Norwegian* coastal community adapted to the arrival of the oil and gas *industries* **11.00** Words and pictures **11.18** The way the *Ice Age left its mark on the British* landscape **11.40** The first of a five-part series on links between Britain and the developing world **12.05** Young people *working as a stablehand,* a riding instructor, a kennelmaid and a veterinary nurse **12.28** Profit *sharing* – what it means and how it works **12.50** Portuguese *language and people* **1.20** A series for the young **1.38** Paul Cola and Sheelagh Gilbey begin to explore the plant world.
2.00 News and weather followed by a story *for children.*
2.15 Snooker and Racing. Quarter-final matches between Neal Foulds and Terry Griffiths and Jimmy White against Tony *Knowles, introduced by David* Icke. Julian Wilson at Ascot presents coverage of the Insulpak Sagaro EBF Stakes (2.30); the Insulpak Victoria Cup (3.05); and the White Rose Stakes (3.40). Includes news *and weather at 2.55.*
3.55 News, regional news and weather.
5.30 Film 88. *Wall Street* and *Promised Land* are among the *films reviewed by Barry* Norman (r).
6.00 World Snooker. Further coverage of the Steve James v Cliff Thorburn match; and the *closing frames of the Neal* Foulds/Terry Griffiths game.
6.45 Young Musician of the Year. Humphrey Burton introduces the *five top wind-playing finalists. Joining the resident adjudicator,* Professor Alun Hoddinott, are flautist Susan Milan, clarinettist Emma Johnson, bassoonist Deirdre Dundas-Grant and music *producer* James Langley. Recorded at the Concert Hall of the Royal Northern College of Music in Manchester
7.25 The Rock 'n' Roll Years. 1970 – the year George Best bemuses football defences and captivates the crowds; students in the United States show their disapproval of Nixon's Cambodia policy in no uncertain terms; *and Roman Catholics in the* Netherlands demand an end to priestly celibacy. Among those providing the musical memories are Jethro Tull, Deep *Purple and Edison Lighthouse* (r).
7.55 Bookmark: The Bible. (see Choice)
9.00 World Snooker. Further *quarter-final action introduced by* David Vine.
9.30 Sophia and Constance. Episode three of the six-part adaptation of Arnold Bennett's *The Old Wives' Tale* and the sisters discover that escaping from their mother's attentions into the state of matrimony might not have been such a good idea *after all. Constance discovers* that Samuel has unsuspected tastes, including cigar smoking, while Sophia is shocked to be taken to a Parisian *restaurant full of courtesans* where her husband, Gerald, becomes involved in a drunken brawl. Starring Katy Behean and Linsey Beauchamp. (Ceefax)
10.20 The ***Monk*** **and the Honeybee.** The first of a three-part story of *Brother Adam,* an 89-year-old Benedictine monk based at Buckfast Abbey in Devon, who has spent seven decades trying to breed the perfect honeybee. In *tonight's film Brother Adam* recalls the disease that wiped out the British black bee population leading him, in 1925, to establish the world's first *bee-mating station in a* Dartmoor valley (first shown on BBC South West).
10.50 Newsnight. National and international news including *extended coverage of one of* the main stories of the day. Presented by Peter Snow and Donald MacCormick.
11.35 Weather.
11.40 Open University: Perspectives in Health and Disease **12.05am** Caring for Older People. Ends at **12.35.**

CHANNEL 4

9.30 Schools.
12.00 Sesame Street. Pre-school series for children.
12.30 Business Daily.
1.00 Jobsearch. The first of a *new,* five-part Open College series about looking for jobs featuring 10 people, all aged under 30 years and *unemployed. (Oracle)* **1.30 Write On.** A 10-part series about improving writing skills (r). (Oracle)
2.00 The Parliament Programme presented by Glyn Mathias.
2.30 Film: The Strawberry Blonde (1941, b/w) starring James Cagney, Olivia de Havilland and Rita Hayworth. A comedy drama about a *correspondence school dentist* who falls for a strawberry blonde, loses her to a crook and marries someone else on the re-bound. Direced by Raoul Walsh.
4.20 Love Comes to Magoo. A cartoon in which the myopic hero mistakenly takes a girl to a construction site instead of Coney Island.
4.30 Countdown. Yesterday's winner is challenged by Philip Jones from Fareham, Hampshire.
5.00 Ark on the Move. *The first of a* 13-part series in which Gerald Durrell examines the speed in which man is killing the wildlife of the planet (r). (Oracle)
5.30 I Dream of Jeannie. Vintage American comedy series starring Barbara Eden and Larry Hagman.
6.00 Family Ties. Domestic comedy *series starring Meredith Baxter* Birney and Michael J. Fox.
6.30 The Making of Britain. The fourth programme of 12 in the fifth series tracing the history of *Britain from the departure* of the Romans to the present. Dr John Stevenson explains how the impetus to build a better Britain has exacerbated the social *problems that new towns and* modern estates were designed to destroy.
7.00 Channel 4 News with Trevor McDonald and Sue Carpenter
7.50 Party ***Political Comment*** from Matthew Taylor, Liberal Democrat MP for Truro. Followed by **Weather**

The bold and bawdy Bette Midler (Divine Madness: C4, 12.20am)

8.00 *Busting the Block – Or the Art* **of Pleasing People.** The overnight success of an unknown pop band, Wet Wet Wet. (Oracle)
8.30 A Week in Politics with the *results of a poll revealing what the* public thinks about the government's Welfare State followed by a discussion on the findings between Paddy *Ashdown, John Redwood and* Jack Straw.
9.00 Patrick Procktor's Britain: The Art Scene. A documentary film about the celebrated British *painter.*
10.00 Brond. Episode two of the three-part thriller (r). (Oracle)
11.00 Who Dares Wins. . . This week's series of comedy sketches *includes a look at the rehearsal* for the Nescafé coffee advert in which a lady calls on her neighbour to borrow a jar.
11.45 The Late Shift begins with *Johnny Staccato (b/w) in* which the jazz-playing investigator learns about a group of Japanese immigrants in New York who are being swindled. Starring John *Cassavetes.*
12.20am Film: Divine Madness (1980) starring Bette Midler. Filmed over a period of four days during which Miss Midler *captivated audiences* at the Pasadena Civic Auditorium. Directed by Michael Ritchie. Ends at **2.10.**

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THE TIMES
GENERAL APPOINTMENTS EVERY THURSDAY

Radio 1

MW (medium wave) Stereo on VHF (see below)
5.30 Adrian John **7.00** Mike Smith's Breakfast Show **9.30** Simon Bates **12.30** Newsbeat *(Lesley Curwen)* **12.45** *Gary* Davies **3.00** Steve Wright **5.30** Newsbeat **5.45** Bruno Brookes **7.30** *Liz Kershaw* **10.00-12.00** John Peel **VHF** Stereo Radios 1 and 2 **4.00** am As Radio 2 **4.00** pm Adrian Love **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** As Radio 2 **10.00** As Radio 1 **12.00-4.00** am As Radio 2.

Radio 2

MW (medium wave) Stereo on VHF (see Radio 1)
4.00 *Colin Berry* **5.30** *Chris* Stuart **7.30** Derek Jameson **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.00** Anne Robinson **1.05** David Jacobs **2.00** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Adrian Love **4.00** International Soccer Special **5.30** John Dunn **7.00** Jim Lloyd presents Folk on 2 **8.30** *Six Silver Strings* **9.00** Listen to the Band (Roy Newsome) **10.00** Al Read **10.15** Lorne Gibson ***10.30*** *Hubert Gregg says Thanks* for the Memory **11.00** Brian Matthew present Round Midnight ***1.00*** am Patrick Lunt presents Nightride **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music

WORLD SERVICE

All times in GMT. Add an hour for BST. 6.00 Newsdesk 6.30 Meridian 7.00 World News 7.09 24 Hours 7.30 Development '88 8.00 World News 8.09 Reflections 8.15 Classical Record Review 8.30 My World! 9.00 World News 9.09 Review of the British Press 9.15 The World Today 9.30 Financial News 9.45 Folk in Britain 10.00 News Summary 10.01 Omnibus 10.30 Londres Midi 11.00 World News 11.09 News About Britain 11.15 Time for Verse 11.25 A Letter From Wales 11.30 Meridian 12.00 Radio Newsreel 12.15 Great Love Duets 12.25 The Farming World 12.45 Sports Roundup 1.00 World News 1.09 24 Hours 1.30 Development '88 2.00 Outlook 2.45 Report on Religion 3.00 Radio Newsreel 3.15 Education Today 3.30 Two Cheers for April 4.00 World News 4.09 Commentary 4.15 English by Radio 4.45 Londres Soir 5.30 German Newsreel 6.00 Programmes in German 7.00 Outlook 7.39 Stock Market Report 7.45 Good Books 8.00 World News 8.09 24 Hours 8.30 Assignment 9.00 News Summary 9.01 Network UK 9.15 Counterpoint 9.45 Recording of the Week 10.00 World News 10.09 The World Today 10.25 A Letter from Wales 10.30 Financial News 10.40 Reflections 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.00 World News 11.09 Commentary 11.15 Write On . . . 11.30 Multitrack 2 12.00 World News 12.09 News About Britain 12.15 Radio Newsreel 12.30 Two Cheers for April 1.00 News Summary 1.01 Outlook 1.30 Waveguide 1.40 Book Choice 1.45 Society Today 2.00 World News 2.09 Review of the British Press 2.15 Network UK 2.30 Assignment 3.00 World News 3.09 News About Britain 3.15 The World Today 3.30 Six Four Eight News 3.35 Financial News 3.45 German News and Magazine 4.45 The World Today 5.00 World News 5.30 Londres Matin

Radio 3

6.55 *Weather,* News headlines
7.00 Morning Concert: Handel (Organ Concertro in B flat, Op 4 No 2: English Concert under Pinnock with Simon *Preston); Bruckner (Locus* Iste a Deo factus est: Corydon Singers under *Best); Paganini (Caprice No* 14 in E flat: Itzhak Perlman, violin); Vaughan Williams (Overture to The Wasps: LPO under Handley)
7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert contd: Sibelius (Rakastava, Op 14: *Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields* under Marriner); Saint-Saëns (Piano Concerto No 2 *in* G minor, Op 22: RPO under Previn with Jean-Philippe Collard); Britten (Four Sea Interludes (Peter Grimes): LSO under Previn)
8.30 News
8.35 Composers of the Week: Haydn. Sonata *in C minor,* Christian Zacharias, piano; and excerpts from Il ritorno di Tobia, Hungarian State SO under Ferenc Szekeres, with Klara Takacs, mezzo-soprano and Zsolt Bende, baritone
9.35 Mendelssohn: *Daniel Adni,* piano, performs Lieder ohne Worte; Book 7, Op 85; *Fantasia in F sharp minor,* and Op 28 (Sonate écossaise)
10.05 Stuttgart Piano Trio: Beethoven's Piano Trio in C minor, Op 1 No 3; and Ravel's Piano Trio in A minor (1914) (r)
11.00 *Midweek Choice: Includes* Prokofiev (Symphony No 1 in D: Los Angeles PO under Previn); Finzi (Seven Part Songs, Op 17: Exultate Singers under O'Brien); MacDowell (Piano Concerto No 1 in A minor: Vienna State Opera Orchestra under Chavez, with Eugene List); Scarlatti, arr Williams *(Sonata in E (Kk 380):* John Williams, guitar); Shostakovich (Incidental music to The Gadfly: USSR Cinema SO under Khachaturian)
1.00 News
1.05 Concert Hall: Live from Broadcasting House Concert Hall, London. Christodoulos Georgiades, piano, performs Beethoven's Sonata in F, Op 54; Satie's Gymnopedie *No 2 in C, and Gnossienne* No 1 in F minor (First Set); Constantinidis's Eight Dances from Greek Islands; and Chopin's Nocturne in B *flat minor,* Op 9 No 1, and Polonaise in A flat, Op 53
2.00 Record Review (r)
3.10 Vintage Years: Kathleen Ferrier, contralto, sings Purcell (Sound the Trumpet: with Isobel Baillie, soprano and Gerald Moore, piano); *Bach (Have Mercy,* Lord, *on* Me (St Matthew Passion): Jacques Orchestra under *Jacques); Schubert (An die* Musik: Phyllis Spurr, piano); and Mahler (Der Abschied (Das Lied von der Erde): Vienna PO under Walter). Mono recordings 1945-1952
4.00 Choral Evensong: Live from the Chapel of King's *College, Cambridge*
5.00 Mainly for Pleasure: With Fritz Spiegl
6.30 Music for Guitar: Krzysztof Pelech plays Byrd's Lord Willoughby's Welcome Home, and The Woods So Wild; Giuliani's Grande *Ouverture; Padre Donostia's* Prelude basque; Albéniz's Cadiz; and Jorge Morel's *Danza para Emiko*
7.00 News
7.05 Third Ear: Alan Coren, the new editor of *The Listener,* and Paul Barker, former editor of *New Society,* discuss the crisis facing weekly magazines. *Presented by Jonathan* Steinberg
7.30 Henze: BBC Symphony *Orchestra under Ronald* Zollman, with Peter Donohoe, perform Piano Concerto No 2
8.15 A Viennese Music Party: Part-songs and instrumental music by Beethoven and Schubert performed by the Schütz Consort Classical Piano Trio, under Norrington. With Elaine Barry, soprano, *Margaret* Cable, mezzo-soprano, Neil Jenkins, tenor, and Stephen Varcoe, baritone
9.15 The Last Colony in Africa: Documentary presented by Michael Charlton tracing the diplomacy which led to the creation of an independent Zimbabwe (2 of 6)
10.00 Percussion 88: The *Ensemble Amadinda* perform works including John Cage's Amores, *Laszlo Sary's Pebble* Playing in a Pot and Istvan Martha's Story in a Doll's House. Recorded earlier this evening at London's Almeida Theatre
11.00 Composers of the Week: Britten in America. The *Trees They Grow So High;* Sonatina Romantica (1940); Seven Sonnets of Michelangelo, Op 22; and Sinfonia da requiem, Op 20 (r)
12.00 News
12.05 Closedown

Sowing the seeds

● *The accolade of a radio* biography has too long been denied to the veteran actress Patricia Hayes but, better late than never, along comes **A Harvest of Hayes** (Radio 4, 7.45pm), Michael Pointon's two-part interview with her. The gathering in of the harvest occurs in part two next week when there will be reminders of some of Patricia Hayes's best work, as Mrs Cravatt in the Hancock shows and, unforgettably, as *Edna, the Inebriate Woman,* the television play. Part one is the sowing of *the seed long before the harvest.* It is full of surprises. I did *not know, for instance,* that it was Hayes (then in her mid-thirties) who played the boy detective Henry Bones in the old *Children's Hour* series; or that it was Hayes who was Master O.K. the Saucy Boy on Radio Luxembourg. And I certainly did not expect that her Shylock of R.A.D.A. days would be so serpentine that we can almost hear the venom dripping off her fangs. *J.M. Barrie,* watching the young Patricia Hayes perform in his play *Half an Hour,* told her: "You're all right. You can *act." Such prescience!*

RADIO CHOICE

Patricia Hayes: an actress full of surprises (R4, 7.45pm)

● Ronald Frame's four-*hander* **Rendezvous** (Radio 4, 3.00pm) makes some telling *points about the institution of* marriage and what can happen when the excitement stops. There is also a warning that if we are too busy keeping the matrimonial garden looking nice, there may be no time left to enjoy it.

Peter Davalle

Radio 4

LW (long wave) (s) Stereo on VHF
5.55 Shipping **6.00** News Briefing **6.10** Farming **6.25** Prayer for the Day
6.30 Today, incl **6.30, 7.30, 8.30** *News Summary* **6.45** Business News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.00, 8.00** News **7.25, 8.25** *Sport* **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.35** Yesterday in Parliament **8.57** Weather; Travel
9.00 News
9.05 Midweek: Libby Purves's guests are actress Joanna Lumley, Peter Underwood, *president of the Ghost Club,* and Wolf Zeuner, a Hannibal enthusiast who accompanied Botham on his charity trek over the Alps (s)
10.00 News; Gardeners' Question Time: Clay Jones and the team answer listeners' *questions sent in by post (r)*
10.30 Morning Story: Do You Like Bartok? by Douglas Young. Read by Paul Young
10.45 Daily Service (s)
11.00 News; Travel; Soundtrack: The ninth of 10 documentaries features two larger-than-life brothers, Michael and Stanley Joseph, who own ATS, a *well-known theatrical* agency which supplies acts and stars – from big name comics to hypnotists and strippers – for the northern entertainment industry
11.47 Enquire Within: Dilly Barlow tackles listeners' questions
12.00 News; You and Yours with John Buckley
12.25 The Small, Intricate Life of Gerald C Potter: *A six-part* series by Basil Boothroyd. With Ian Carmichael (2) (r) ***12.55*** *Weather*
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Woman's Hour: David Puttnam, as President of the Council for the Protection of Rural England, talks about the British countryside; and a history of the Paris studio, which for *50 years has been the* venue for the BBC's light entertainment and quiz shows
3.00 News; Rendezvous: Play by Ronald Frame with Jane Asher, Eleanor Bron, Sarah Badel and Martin Jarvis (see Choice) (s)
3.47 Time for Verse: George MacBeth talks to Dannie Abse
4.00 News
4.05 File on 4 (new series): *David* Levy examines the chances for peace in Afghanistan (r)
4.45 Kaleidoscope Extra: *Ziegfeld,* a musical *recreating the life and style* of the American impresario
5.00 PM **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News; Financial Report
6.30 Round Britain Quiz: Irene Thomas and Eric Korn challenge Maurice Hayes and Paddy Fitzgerald. Gordon Clough and Louis Allen preside (r)
7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 In Business: *David Lomax* talks to Cecil Parkinson, Secretary of State for Energy (r)
7.45 A Harvest of Hayes: Patricia Hayes *in a two-part* conversation with Michael Pointon (s) (see Choice)
8.15 Medicine Now: Presented by Geoff Watts (r)
8.45 Lords of the Land (new series): Portraits of four aristocratic families. (1) The Herberts of Wilton who were created Earls of Pembroke by Henry VIII (s)
9.15 Antony Hopkins Talking about Music: Fourth of seven programmes exploring different musical works or topics (s)
9.45 Kaleidoscope: Includes reviews of John Fuller's book *Tell It Me Again,* and the Lucy Rie exhibition at the Galerie Besson; plus interviews with Gerry *Mulgrew and Norman David* MacDonald about the production of *Anna Campbell* at the Traverse Theatre; and a feature on Percussion 88, a country-wide music festival
10.15 A Book at Bedtime: God's Snake by Irini Spanidou (3 of 10) **10.29** Weather
10.30 The World Tonight: *Presented by Alexander* MacLeod
11.15 The Financial World Tonight
11.30 *Today in Parliament*
12.00 News, incl **12.20** Weather
VHF as above except: **10.00am-12.00** For Schools. **1.00 and 11.20** Making Work **11.40** Fashion, Design and Marketing. **1.55-3.00pm** For Schools. **1.55** Listening Corner **2.00 and 2.20** Running Your Office **2.40** The YTS Road **5.50-5.55** PM (continued) **11.30-12.10am** Open University: **11.30** Modern Art: Munch **11.50** Gombrich on Art History

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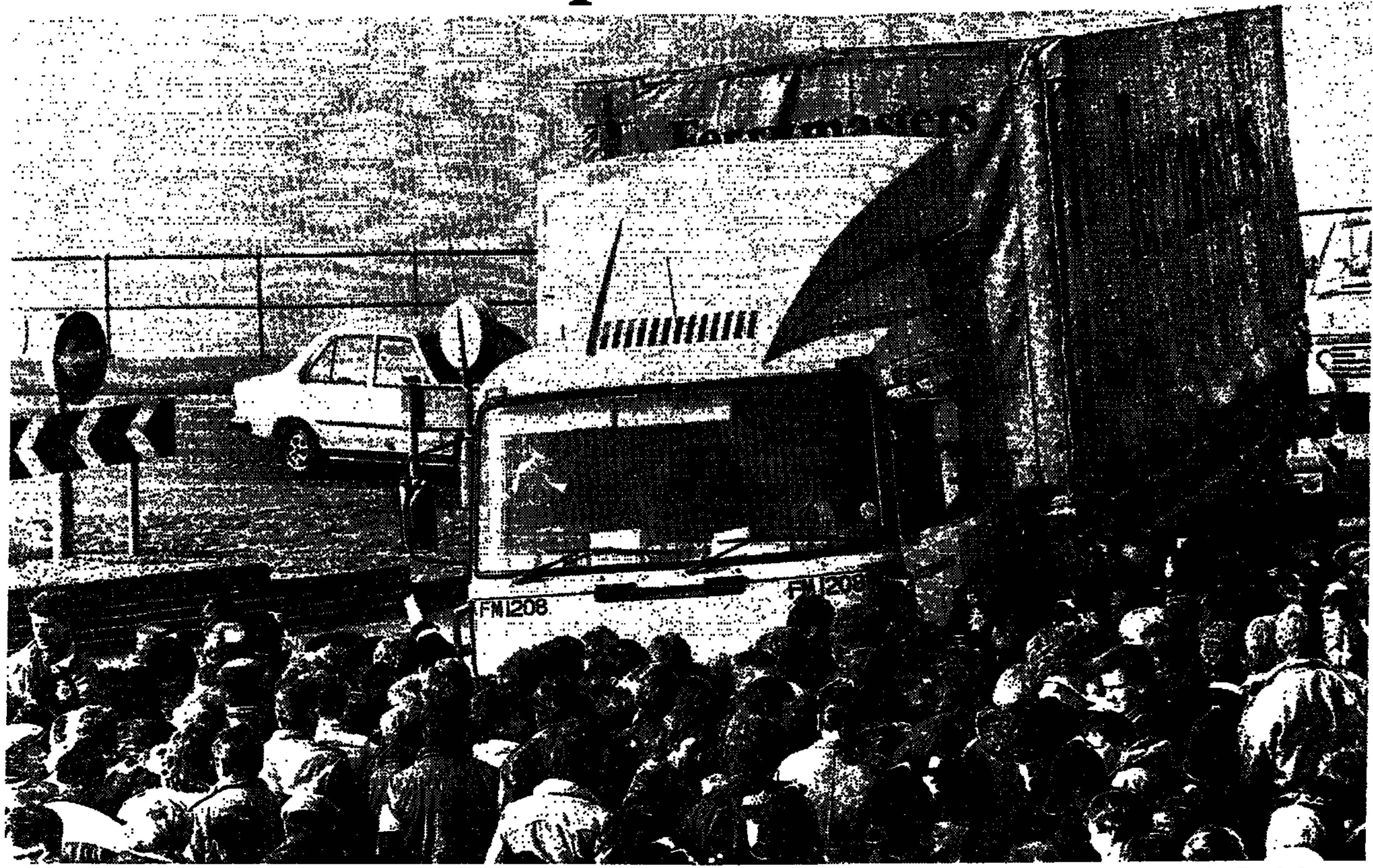
Four arrested as pickets clash with police



Police trying to move back seamen blocking the entrance to the port at Dover to a lorry bound for the Continent. Four people were arrested in yesterday's picket-line clashes.

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possession of an offensive weapon.

During the incidents, police reinforcements, drafted in from other parts of Kent and held in reserve elsewhere in Dover until the trouble flared, moved in to swell the police presence to about 150 and eventually succeeded in clearing the road.

Mr McCluskey later made a brief appearance at the port entrance and appealed to strikers to keep calm. "Our argument is with P&O, not the police", he told them.

The pickets succeeded in stopping sailings on Dover-Calais service operated by the two British-crewed Sealink Ferries. Insufficient NUS members reported for work to make services possible.

However, the two French-crewed Sealink Ferries were able to cope with the day's light traffic at Dover and only short delays were reported. British crews on two ferries on the Folkestone-Bologne run ignored NUS pickets.

Local NUS officials were confident that no British Sealink ships would sail out of Dover overnight. Although they condemned the earlier clash with police, Dover NUS port committee member Mr John Wood said there was mounting frustration among the sacked seamen.

"These men and women are not militants. Alot of them are petty officers with 15 or 20 years' service," he said.

"But they have been angered by a company intent on putting profit before safety.

Mr Eric Nevin, general secretary of the National Union of Marine, Aviation and Shipping Transport Officers, said his members had been instructed not to sail with non-unionised and under qualified seamen. Any *dismissials would be met with* immediate court action.

Two nautical surveyors from the Department of Transport will carry out checks on the five ferries today. The surveyors will also study the qualifications of crews as part of the checks, requested by the company last week.

Mr Graeme Dunlop, managing director of P&O European Ferries, said: "These ships have been out of service for three months and none of the crews have worked for three months.

"Whilst the ships have been maintained throughout this period, we think it is a sensible and prudent measure to have a complete independent check of equipment, systems and drills."

The company formally dismissed the 720 NUS members, who have refused to take up the contracts reflecting the new terms and conditions set out in the Red Book, when it yesterday sent them their P45s.

Labour's front bench entered the P&O dispute by calling for an independent inquiry and claiming the company's tactics raised "serious doubts about ferry safety".

In a statement released by Mr Bob Hughes, the Shadow Transport Secretary, and Mr Michael Meacher, Shadow Employment Secretary, it said: "It is incredible that only 13 months after the Zeebrugge disaster, P&O should be locked in a bitter struggle to impose reduced manning levels on cross-channel ferry traffic".

Families split by the Dover dispute

By Boris Johnson

Hundreds of men throughout Dover had their notices of dismissal hand-delivered yesterday morning, as P&O hired a firm of dispatch riders to distribute the P45 tax forms and Seaman's Discharge Books that mark severance with the company. It was the final fulfilment of a threat that has been issued and withdrawn four times.

Mr Michael Cotter, aged 39, formerly an able seaman on the Pride Of Calais, was woken at 5.15 am to receive the blue discharge book that he has used for 13 years of service on the ferries.

As he stood in the crowd of pickets at the Eastern Dock, he said: "I haven't got a clue what I am going to do next, but I have got plenty of time to think about it."

The division between the 800 who have lost their jobs by staying out on strike and those who have decided to go back to work can be felt not just in the community at large. In Dover, even individual families have been torn apart.

The three Holley brothers all work on the ferries. But yesterday Able Seaman Alan Holley was on the picket lines after learning that his brother Martin, a chief cook, was one of about 30 strike-breakers preparing to bring the ferries back from Rotterdam.

"I will have no more to do with him. I hope that he does not come back through this picket line because I will just ignore him," he said.

The third brother, Philip, has signed the contract to get medical severance from P&O because he has a bad back. He said: "I am disgusted with my eldest brother. I doubt whether I shall have much to do with him at all."

A picket tries to persuade a lorry driver to back the strike by not entering the port (Photographs: Denzil McNeelance).

Veteran of miners' strike in Dover front line

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headlights on and its horn blaring, drove at speed through the picket line, scattering police and demonstrators.

From his home in Deal, near Dover, Mr French said later that he had had the loudhailer for many years and had used it throughout the miners' strike. He said he had not worked since being dismissed by the coal board for occupying Betteshanger colliery in Kent and had spent the past year working for the Justice for Mineworkers' campaign throughout Britain.

"Putting me in prison did not make one bit of difference to the way I feel," said Mr French, who was released early last year after spending a little more than two years in jail.

Mr French, who was sentenced on appeal to four years in prison for causing grievous bodily harm to a police officer, was accused by local National Union of Seamen officials of "inciting" pickets.

Since his release he has remained an activist and appeared on many picket lines, including Wapping.

After the incident at Betteshanger colliery he was charged in 1984 with grievous bodily harm after a joint attack on the lone constable who was protecting Wivenhoe Docks, Essex, from pickets.

The officer suffered a broken nose and dislocated shoulder after being punched to the ground and kicked in the head and body. The judge, who jailed French for five years, later reduced to four on appeal, said he could have killed the officer if dockers had not intervened.

From his cell, he campaigned unsuccessfully to become vice-president of the National Union of Mineworkers and deputy to Mr Arthur Scargill.

Commons sketch

Young cadets and a curious unity

Mr Harry Greenway was up again. Like Mr Billy Whizz, whose peculiar crinkly hairstyle his own seems to mirror, Mr Greenway is always on his feet. He wished to praise the Cadets scheme offered by the Army. Did it not encourage comradeship, discipline, adventure, training in leadership? With a swirl of his necktie, which now seems to be lenthening at such a rate that it has recently become a potential hazard to pedestrians, he sat back down again.

The Prime Minister's own Cadets scheme seems to encourage one or two of these qualities, but never all four together. Her adventurous cadets tend not to be disciplined, her good leaders tend not to be comradely, and so on. Her most junior cadets seem to have specialised in only one subject – discipline – jettisoning all the others as likely to cause offence.

Mr Matthew Carrington (Cons, Fulham) is one of those new young cadets who can be relied upon to leap to his feet and yell out an appropriate battle-compliment whenever he is called on to do so. He looks a bit like an Action Man gone to seed, and speaks in a manner suggesting that the string on his back has just been pulled and released. He wished to convey to the Prime Minister "how delighted the nurses are with their recent pay award". He assured her that "morale has greatly improved". And with that the walking, talking cadet stepped back into his box, ready to be brought out again on another rainy day.

Mr Neil Kinnock, who is still slogging his way through an alternative Leadership training scheme, reminded the Prime Minister that he had asked her two weeks ago whether she would amend Housing Benefit. Then she had said no. Would she now give the same answer?

"We are spending FAR more in real terms. . ." The Prime Minister addresses the Leader of the Opposition as if he were not just a cadet, but a cadet mouse. The sooner you get back on that training wheel, the better, her tone seems to imply. Yesterday, the cadet mouse spoke to the Prime Minister as if she were a particularly naughty child from a Cautionary Tale by Mr Hilaire Belloc, a view shared, no doubt, by many of his fellow cadets.

Hilda told such dreadful lies,
It made Tam gasp and stretch his eyes.

"She knows she's been wrong, she knows she's done wrong" said Mr Kinnock, ". . . Why doesn't she just get on with it?" He then said that though two weeks might be a short time in politics, it was a long time for those without Housing Benefit. Two weeks a short time in politics indeed! How long has it been since Mr Kinnock sat through Questions to the Secretary of State for Wales? Two weeks in politics is closer to five years in normal life, and those five years would be exclusive of Christmas or birthdays.

The Prime Minister emitted a list of mores: more resources, more cash in real terms, more money spent on Social Services, more on the Health Services, and so on. Having finished one list, she started on another: a Labour administration would be forced to cut health spending, cut nurses, cut doctors, cut – and so on. Barely had she finished speaking before one of her very own cuts rose to speak. Mr Leon Brittan wanted her to agree with him that "those who want to go to work have a right to do so", a plea which seemed to come straight from the heart.

It was left to a senior cadet to introduce a titter to the parade ground. Colonel Stokes, resolutely moustachioed and military both in background and bearing, jumped to attention from his seat at the back and praised the "remarkable speech" at the formation of the Radical Society by the Right Honourable Member for Chingford. He agreed with Mr Norman Tebbit when he had praised "the part the so-called working-classes had played in supporting government policies" but he wished the Prime Minister to confirm that there was still a place in the party "for the nobility, the gentry and the middle-classes".

There was a sound of laughter like gunfire. Mr Stokes – always aware of the effect he is creating – led the laughter, and both Mr Kinnock and Mrs Thatcher followed suit, in their very first display of unity in the present Parliament.

Craig Brown

Blueprint for ITV

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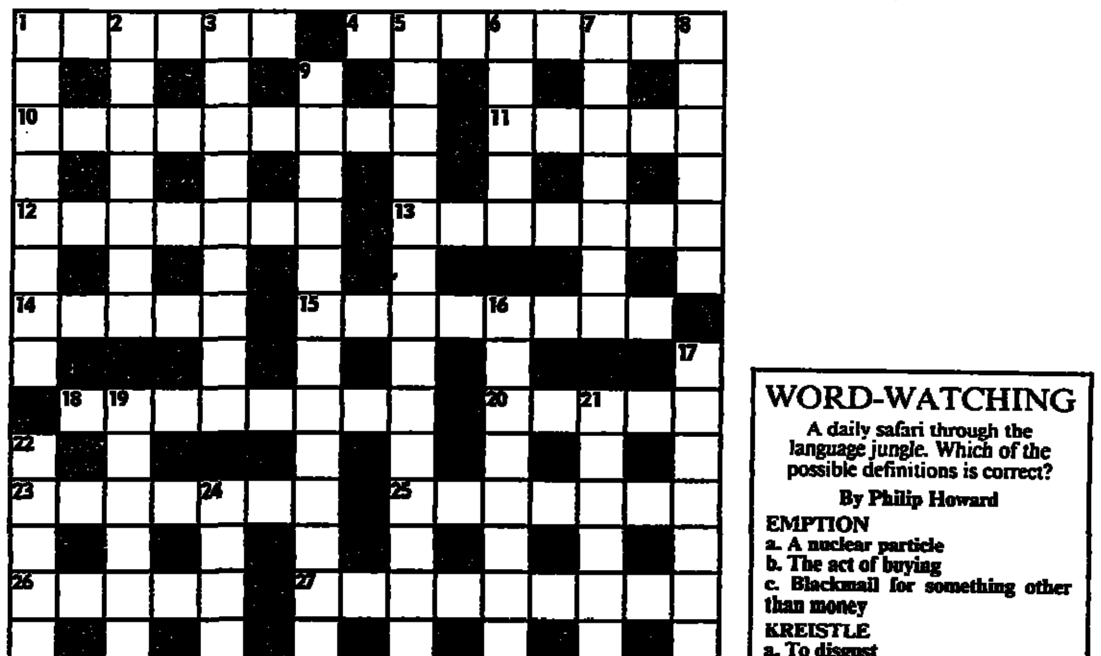
galvanize public and Parliamentary opinion in support of IBA proposals by the time a Bill affecting television is introduced late in 1989.

A full-scale public consultation exercise is to be organized in the IBA so that viewers can say what they think in advance of broadcasting legislation.

The key points and recommendations in the IBA policy statement include:

- A "preferred option" of awarding ITV contracts according to judgements made by the IBA about ability to fulfil programme requirements. If competitive tendering has to to be applied, its suggests a two-stage process, with the IBA setting a price for a franchise, and then awarding it according to the best programme proposals.
- Limiting the size of individual shareholdings in ITV companies.
- Allowing people without television staff or programme-making facilities to bid for ITV franchises.
- Allowing all ITV companies to have equal opportunity to offer programmes for network screening.

THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 17,654



ACROSS

1 Vessel is a mile in length (6).
4 One in a position to make a come-back? (8).
10 Wine from Port of Spain? (9).
11 A pound short in the balance (5).
12 Sort of chips you get in such an industrial valley (7).
13 Notice record prize draw that is not wanted (7).
14 Matron perhaps getting medicine right (5).
15 Light car for railwaymen? (8).
18 Galleries between Dover and Ashford (8).
20 Cattle hard to find in Wales (5).
23 Wooster gives suit to Jeeves (7).
25 She was entitled to succeed in the play (7).
26 Nonsensical fellow with a name to memorise (5).
27 Generally at home with shorthand (2,7).
28 Training horses in period costume? No, just the opposite (8).
29 Settler holding royal petition (6).

DOWN

1 Squash – several games per team (3,5).
2 Game of wits (7).
3 The five-hundred pounds enigma – a prickly one? (9).
5 An educational facility for the Penzance band? (8-6).
6 Island lives under historical measure (5).
7 Board to a university in dramatic scene (7).
8 Discussion would be needed first for this girl to become housekeeper (6).
9 Rural revels – Turkey-trotting, for example (7,7).
16 One of several supporters in rail hold-up (9).
17 Huntsman has damage to curse about (8).
19 Zealously copy one with feathers behind (7).
21 Useful service from the little woman, about a point up (7).
22 Climbed, then peeled off (6).
24 Sign in front of take-away (5).

WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

EMPTION
a. A nuclear particle
b. The act of buying
c. Blackmail for something other than money

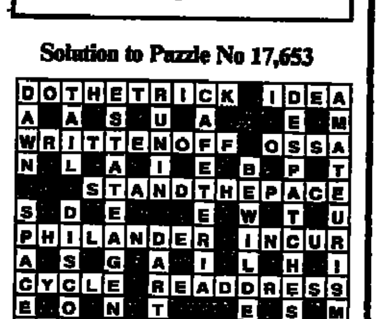
KREISTLE
a. To disgust
b. A prewar Austrian coin
c. A Viennese chocolate bun

QIVIUT
a. A minor Aztec god
b. A type of legal plea
c. Wool

DRACONIC
a. Terse and short
b. Inhumanly severe
c. Dragonish

Answers on page 22, column 1

Solution to Puzzle No 17,653



Concise crossword, page 11

This puzzle was solved within 30 minutes by 17 per cent of the competitors in the 1988 Glasgow regional final of The Times Collins Crossword Championship.

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WEATHER

North and west Scotland will be dry and bright with some sunshine. Northern Ireland will be mostly dry with some sunshine in the west. Southern and eastern Scotland, England and Wales will be rather cloudy with some bright spells in south-west England. Most places will be dry but showers are possible, particularly in eastern regions. Easterly winds will keep temperatures below normal. Outlook: northern and western areas mainly dry with some showers in the east.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	18	64	s	Lisbon	16	61	s
Akrotiri	23	73	s	Locarno	17	63	f
Alex'dria	29	84	s	Luxembg	12	54	s
Algiers	14	57	c	Madrid	12	54	r
Amst'dm	9	48	f	Majorca	14	57	d
Athens	20	68	f	Malaga	19	66	f
B Aires	18	64	f	Malta	21	70	s
Bahrain	27	81	s	Melb'rne	13	55	r
Barcelna	16	61	f	Moscow	5	41	f
Belgrade	10	50	c	Munich	13	55	s
Berlin	9	48	f	N Delhi	33	91	s
Biarritz	13	55	c	Nairobi	25	77	f
Borde'x	17	63	c	Naples	19	66	f
Brussels	11	52	s	Nice	17	63	s
Budapst	11	52	f	Oslo	8	46	s
Cape Tn	17	63	c	Paris	12	54	s
C'blanca	18	64	c	Peking	27	81	s
Ch'church	14	57	s	Perth	22	72	f
Cologne	12	54	s	Prague	11	52	f
Corfu	22	72	s	Reykjvik	6	43	r
C'phagn	7	45	f	Rhodes	21	70	f
Dublin	12	54	c	Rio de J	27	81	s
Dubrovnik	13	55	c	Riyadh	29	84	s
Faro	20	68	f	Rome	18	64	f
Florence	20	68	c	S Paulo	23	73	c
Frankfurt	12	54	s	Salzburg	15	59	s
Funchal	18	64	c	Seoul	19	66	s
Geneva	16	61	c	Sing'por	29	84	t
Gibraltar	17	63	f	St'kholm	4	39	f
Helsinki	-1	30	sn	Strasb'rg	15	59	s
Hong k	27	81	f	Sydney	23	73	s
Innsbrck	17	63	s	Tangier	17	63	f
Istanbul	13	55	f	Tenerife	22	72	f
Jeddah	30	86	s	Tokyo	22	72	s
Jo'burg	19	66	s	Tunis	21	70	s
Karachi	33	91	s	Valencia	17	63	c
L Palmas	21	70	f	Venice	15	59	s

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	11.52	5.9	—	—
Aberdeen	11.21	3.3	—	—
Avonmouth	4.42	9.8	5.17	10.1
Belfast	8.57	2.9	9.43	2.8
Cardiff	4.27	9.2	5.02	9.5
Devonport	2.54	4.3	3.47	4.3
Dover	9.16	5.2	9.23	5.5
Falmouth	2.24	4.1	3.17	4.1
Glasgow	10.24	4.0	11.49	4.0
Harwich	9.54	3.3	10.04	3.2
Holyhead	8.30	4.5	9.02	4.5
Hull	4.28	5.5	4.28	5.9
Ilfracombe	3.49	7.0	4.21	7.2
Leith	12.24	4.4	12.45	4.5
Liverpool	9.13	7.6	9.44	7.7
Lowestoft	8.04	2.1	7.24	2.0
Margate	10.14	3.9	10.11	4.0
Milford Haven	4.07	5.4	4.38	5.5
Newquay	3.04	5.5	3.34	5.6
Oban	4.04	3.2	4.31	3.1
Penzance	2.06	4.3	2.55	4.3
Portland	4.09	1.4	5.11	1.5
Portsmouth	9.30	3.6	10.02	4.0
Shoreham	9.15	4.7	9.43	5.2
Southampton	9.01	3.6	9.37	3.8
Swansea	4.05	7.3	4.41	7.4
Tees	1.46	4.2	1.53	4.4
W'ton-on-Nze	9.51	3.5	10.03	3.5

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.2808ft. Times are BST

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	F	
Scarboro	8.5	-	9	48	sunny
Cromer	8.5	-	9	48	sunny
Clacton	10.9	-	8	46	sunny
Margate	13.0	-	9	48	sunny
Hastings	12.4	-	11	52	sunny
Eastbourne	12.3	-	11	52	sunny
Worthing	12.8	-	13	55	sunny
Bognor R	12.7	-	13	55	sunny
Sandown	11.2	-	12	54	sunny
Bournemth	12.8	-	14	57	sunny
Weymouth	12.1	-	11	52	sunny
Exmouth	12.8	-	12	54	sunny
Teignmouth	10.3	-	12	54	sunny
Torquay	11.3	-	12	54	sunny
Falmouth	11.7	-	11	52	sunny
Penzance	9.5	-	13	55	sunny
Scilly Isles	8.5	.01	11	52	sunny
Newquay	12.9	-	14	57	sunny
Minehead	12.3	-	11	52	sunny
Morecambe	9.2	-	13	55	sunny
Douglas	•	-	11	52	sunny
Carlisle	6.5	.01	14	57	rain
Nottingham	8.8	-	11	52	sunny
Anglesey	11.3	-	14	57	sunny
Tenby	10.7	-	11	52	sunny
Aberdeen	0.2	-	11	52	cloudy
Aviemore	-	-	11	52	cloudy
Eskdalemuir	0.6	-	12	54	bright
Kinloss	-	.18	11	52	rain
Lerwick	1.4	.17	7	45	rain
Prestwick	4.9	-	13	55	bright
Stornoway	0.3	.04	12	54	rain
Tiree	1.9	-	11	52	bright
Wick	2.1	.05	11	52	rain

These are Monday's figures

THE POUND

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.565	2.435
Austria Sch	22.90	21.80
Belgium Fr	68.50	65.10
Canada $	2.40	2.28
Denmark Kr	12.53	11.93
Finland Mkk	7.81	7.41
France Fr	11.07	10.52
Germany Dm	3.257	3.097
Greece Dr	263	243
Hong Kong $	15.14	14.40
Ireland Pt	1.22	1.16
Italy Lira	2410	2300
Japan Yen	243.75	231.75
Netherlands Gld	3.645	3.475
Norway Kr	12.03	11.43
Portugal Esc	264.50	251.50
South Africa Rd	4.70	4.20
Spain Pta	214.50	203.50
Sweden Kr	11.43	10.88
Switzerland Fr	2.967	2.567
USA $	1.956	1.866
Yugoslavia Dnr	3220	2820

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Retail Price Index: 104.1 (March)

London: The *FT* Index closed up 18.0 at 1431.3.

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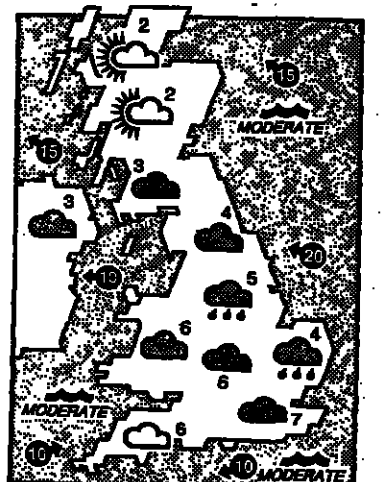
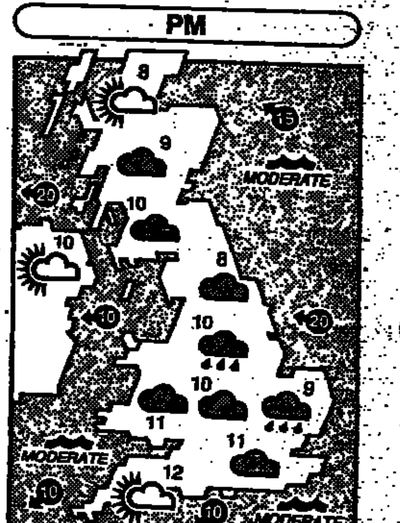


PM



LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 16C (61F): min 6pm to 6am, 5C (41F) Humidity: 6pm, 48 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6pm, trace. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 6.5hrs. Bar, mean sea level, 6pm, 1017.7 millibars, falling.
1.000 millibars=29.53in.

LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 8.48 pm to 5.06 am
Bristol 8.57 pm to 5.18 am
Edinburgh 9.14 pm to 5.06 am
Manchester 9.02 pm to 5.10 am
Penzance 9.05 pm to 5.33 am

Sun rises: 5.40 am
Sun sets: 8.18 pm
Moon sets 4.14 am
Moon rises 3.25 pm
Full Moon May 2

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 12C (54F): min 6pm to 6am, 6C (43F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, trace. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 0.3hr.

HIGHEST & LOWEST

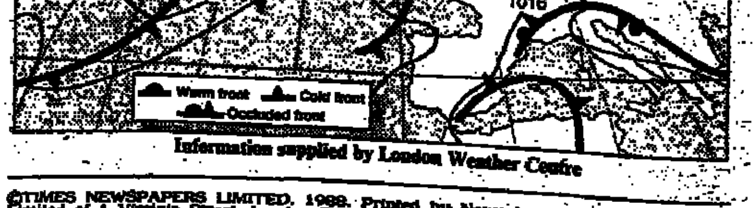
Monday: Highest day temp: Leuchars, Fife, 15C (59F); lowest day max: Fair Isle, Shetland, 6C (43F); highest rainfall: Cape Wrath, Highland, 0.55in; highest sunshine: Folkestone, Kent, 13.2hr.

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	11	52	c	Guernsey	9	48	s
B'rmghm	12	54	f	Inverness	9	48	f
Blackpool	11	52	r	Jersey	12	54	s
Bristol	14	57	s	London	14	57	f
Cardiff	14	57	s	M'nchster	12	54	r
Edinburgh	7	45	c	Newcastle	8	46	c
Glasgow	9	48	c	R'nldsway	10	50	r

NOON TODAY



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PART 2

THE TIMES

WEDNESDAY APRIL 27 1988

BUSINESS AND FINANCE 25-31
SPORT 42-46

Executive Editor
David Brewerton

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1431.3 (+18.0)

FT-SE 100
1800.8 (+23.2)

Bargains
26839 (25366)

USM (Datastream)
150.22 (+0.78)

THE POUND

US dollar
1.8745 (same)

W German mark
3.1452 (–0.0002)

Trade-weighted
78.2 (same)

Piaget sold to Cartier

The French jeweller Cartier – 46.5 per cent owned by *Rothmans International, the* British tobacco group – has acquired Piaget, the Swiss luxury watchmaker, and its subsidiary, Baume et Mercier, to extend its reach into the world luxury watch market.

M Alain Dominique Perrin, the Cartier chairman, said in Paris that the companies would be grouped in a Geneva holding company called PMB Holding International and would aim for a turnover of $1 billion this year against Cartier's $680 million 1987 sales.

Tarmac ahead

Tarmac, the country's largest housebuilder, increased pretax profits from £170.5 mil*lion to £265.4 million. A final* dividend of 5.25p makes a total of 7.25p for the year against 5.5p last time.

Tempus, page 26

Holt brews up

Joseph Holt, the Manchester brewer, raised pretax profits from *£3.29 million to £3.42* million on turnover of £11.5 million in calendar 1987. A final dividend of 15p makes 20p for the year, 2p up on the previous year.

FR Group up

FR Group, formerly Flight Refuelling, made pretax profits of £22.1 million in the year to end-December, a rise of 31.5 per cent. The total dividend rose 20 per cent to 4.62p.

SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

New York
Dow Jones ...... 2051.23 (+13.93)*
Tokyo
Nikkei Average . 27246.77 (+33.32)
Hong Kong:
Hang Seng ...... *2585.97 (–37.78)*
Amsterdam: Gen ...... 246.9 (+0.6)
Sydney: AO ...... 1441.1 (+4.3)
Frankfurt:
Commerzbank ...... 1361.1 (–15.8)
Brussels:
General ...... *4656.4 (–11.1)*
Paris: CAC ...... 307.9 (–0.1)
Zurich: SKA Gen ...... 448.4 (+5.0)
London:
FT.–A All-Share ...... 926.12 (+9.67)
FT.– "500" ...... 1019.2 (+11.9)
FT. Gold Mines ...... 207.1 (same)
FT. Fixed interest ...... 96.78 (–0.52)
FT. Govt Secs ...... 89.99 (+0.10)

Closing prices **Page 28**
Recent issues **Page 30**

MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:
Rowntree ...... 927½p (+176p)
ICI ...... 991½p (+17p)
Cadbury ...... 330½p (+36p)
Utd Biscuits ...... 288½p (+22p)
Bass ...... 845p (+11p)
Coats Viyella ...... 251½p (+15p)
Courtaulds ...... 384p (+32p)
S W Berisford ...... 304½p (+11p)
Cons Gold ...... 912½p (+20p)
Reckitt & Colman ... 860½p (+33p)
Unilever ...... 467½p (+20p)
Avon Rubber ...... 727½p (+30p)
Brown Shipley ...... 400p (+10p)
ECC ...... 418½p (+14p)
Pilkington ...... 218½p (+11p)
Volex ...... 347p (+22p)
Connells ...... 310p (+15p)

FALLS:
F R Group ...... 251½p (–27p)
GR ...... 710p (–10p)
Richards (Leics) ...... 300p (–10p)
Closing prices

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 8%
3-month Interbank 8⅜-8¼%
3-month eligible bills: $7^{29}/_{32}$-7⅞%
buying rate
US: Prime Rate 8½%
Federal Funds 6¾%*
3-month Treasury Bills 5.89-5.87%*
30-year bonds $98^{15}/_{16}$-99*

CURRENCIES

London:	**New York:**
£: $1.8745	£: $1.8750*
£: DM3.1452	$: DM1.6752*
£: SwFr2.6043	$: SwFr1.3867*
£: FFr10.6771	$: FFr5.6890*
£: Yen234.00	$: Yen124.75*
£: Index:78.2	$: Index:92.5
ECU £0.660351	SDR £0.734464

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $448.25 pm-$447.00
close $447.50-448.00 (£238.50-239.00)
New York:
Comex $448.00-448.50*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (June) pm $17.20bbl ($17.23)
*** Denotes latest trading price***

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Swiss company says it had 'no alternative' to making an offer

Rowntree fights £2.1bn Nestlé bid

- **Nestlé, the Swiss foods group, yesterday launched a £2.1 billion takeover bid for Rowntree, Britain's second-largest confectionery maker**
- ***Nestlé said it had been forced*** **into the bid after the recent dawn raid by Swiss rivals Suchard which won a 14.9 per cent stake in the York-based company**
- **Rowntree chairman Kenneth Dixon immediately rejected both the bid and any "white knight", insisting the company should stay independent**
- **Shareholders at a packed annual meeting were adamant that "Rowntree belongs in York". Shares soared beyond the 890p offer to close at 928p**

By Michael Tate

Nestlé, the Swiss choc*olates to frozen foods* combine that ranks as the biggest food group in the world, has been "forced" to launch a £2.1 billion takeover bid for Rowntree, Britain's second biggest confectionery group.

Herr Helmut Maucher, Nestlé's managing director, said yesterday that the Jacobs Suchard dawn raid for a 14.9 per cent stake in Rowntree a fortnight ago had left him with "no alternative," as he unveiled an 890p-a-share cash offer that he clearly hopes will prove to be a knockout bid.

The market is not so sure. Within minutes the share price had been jacked up beyond 900p, to close at 928p, so that Nestlé was prevented from adding substantially to the 4.6 per cent stake it has acquired over the past fortnight. By last night it still had less than 7 per cent.

The offer price is 90 per cent higher than that ruling the day before Suchard's buying spree, and 52 per cent above its pre-October peak of 585p. It values Rowntree, the *KitKat*, Quality Street and Smarties group, at *almost 21.8 times* last year's earnings.

Even so it was promptly rejected by Mr Kenneth Dixon, the Rowntree chairman, as "unwelcome." Mr Dixon, in York to address his annual *shareholders' meeting*, said the offer "does not reflect the value of Rowntree's unique collection of international brands." And he stressed his board's determination to keep the company *independent*.

Suchard was less committal. Its shareholders, attending their own annual meeting in Neuchatel, heard only that their board was "considering our position in the light of the new situation."

Suchard is sitting pretty. Its £200 million investment is showing a profit of £82 million inside two weeks.

Now it must decide whether to challenge Nestlé's bid for control. Analysts believe that it may be tempted, but that Nestlé will, in any event, win the day. "Money doesn't matter," said one. "Nestlé just cannot afford to allow Rowntree to fall to Suchard. Rowntree is a dead duck. All that remains is some possible finessing on the price."

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Herr Maucher and Mr *Frank Edwards*, the chairman and managing director of Nestlé Holdings (UK), were keen to stress the snugness of the fit between Nestlé and Rowntree, *both in terms of products, and* because of Nestlé's perceived weakness in Britain.

Nestlé has been trading in Britain since the day in 1866 when it was founded in Switzerland, but still has only 2 per cent of the British confectionery market, com*pared with the 21 per cent* claimed by Rowntree, which itself ranks third behind Cadbury Schweppes and the American group Mars.

Its British operations, which take in such well-known brand names as *Nescafé, Libby's* drinks, Carnation dairy products, Crosse & Blackwell, Findus, Maggi and Branston, and its biggest seller, the Milky Bar, have performed *well* over the past couple of years. They made after-tax profits of £71 million in 1987, on a turnover of £802 million, against £40.4 *million in the previous year,* with an increase in margins from 5.2 to 8.8 per cent.

Nestlé would have preferred to negotiate some kind of trading arrangement, and indeed Herr Maucher has ap*proached* Mr Dixon repeatedly during the course of the past year – but without success.

"We have never had any *intention to bid*." Herr Maucher stressed, and it is true that contested takeover bids have not been their style. "We have been forced into *this position*," he insisted.

Financing the deal will be no problem. Nestlé, whose worldwide sales of £14 billion produced net profits of £700 million last year, had £2.7 billion in its deposit account at the year-end.

But Dr Reto Domeniconi, the group's chief financial oficer, denies that the group was amassing a warchest. "We have a profitable business and *the money just collects*."

The cash mountain obviates any necessity for a share exchange alternative from Nestlé, a move that might have proved embarrassing in the light of the group's lack of a share quote in London.

'Hand forced': Nestlé's Helmut Maucher in London yesterday (Photograph: Nick Rogers)

'Group must stay in York'

By Cliff Feltham

Mr Kenneth Dixon, the chairman of beleaguered Rowntree, *last night* vowed to carry on the fight to keep the company independent and rejected suggestions that it would need a "white knight" to survive.

Mr Dixon, speaking after the shareholders meeting in York, said: "We intend to argue the case for the independent development of this business. Because this is the best way for it to go. We are not seeking any help." But he hinted that it may expect help from Westminster.

"We have a business highly focused on confectionery. We *have the* best brands in the world and we are perfectly capable of exploiting them ourselves. We see no advantage in joining together with anyone."

Earlier the "house full" sign *was posted at the Joseph* Rowntree theatre in York as more than 450 shareholders attended the 91st and most crucial annual meeting in its *history*.

Dazed by the raid on Rowntree's shares by the Swiss chocolate group, Suchard, shareholders were suddenly having to digest Nestlé's rival bid.

"I suppose someone could have come along and tried to buy the York Minster – that might have been worth it," said one shareholder. Others expressed their determination to keep Rowntree in York – whatever the cost.

"I don't want £10 a share, even £20. Rowntree belongs in York not in Zurich or anywhere else," said one.

Mr Hughie Main, from New Earswick, Yorkshire, said: "I am not interested in the money. I only own 150 shares but even so I still don't want to *see the company taken over.*"

Mrs Lilian Maw, another shareholder, said: "I don't think it would be Rowntree chocolates if they were taken over. No one makes such good chocolates as Rowntree."

The biggest applause during the meeting went to Sir Donald Barron, a former chairman and now head of the Joseph Rowntree Memorial Trust. He wished the board success in the "anxious days ahead." He *said it would be wrong for the* company to be snapped up by a predator, "particularly someone not even part of the Common Market."

Rival Germans lead the British chocolate war

By Colin Narbrough

The bitter war between Switzerland's chocolate makers, Nestlé and Jacobs Suchard, which has now engulfed Rowntree, Britain's third biggest chocolate group, is actually commanded by two Germans.

Herr Helmut Maucher, who directs Nestlé's global food-processing empire from the quiet, picturesque town of Vevey on Lake Geneva, is a native Bavarian despite *his* 40 yeasrs with the Swiss company.

His £2.1 billion offer yesterday for Rowntree, the Kit Kat to Polo mint group that traces its origins back to a humble grocer's shop in York in the early 18th century, *directly challenges the* uninvited raid earlier this month on the British confectioner by Herr Klaus Jacobs, the chairman of Suchard and a member of the Jacobs coffee dynasty from the north German city state of Bremen.

News of the rival Nestlé bid reached Herr Jacobs just as he was opening his company's annual meeting in Zurich, but failed to provoke him into any hasty response.

Instead, with Hanseatic calm, he finished the meeting and flew off to Italy to take part in a dressage event that decides whether he gets into the Swiss riding team for the Seoul Olympics. He has had a Swiss passport for some years.

In terms of fire-power, Nes*tlé would appear more than a* match for Suchard, which was only acquired by the Jacobs family in 1982. But Suchard's victory over Nestlé in last year's fight over the Belgian chocolate group, Cote D'Or, showed that the smaller firm is quite capable of holding its corner.

Herr Walter Anderau, Suchard's corporate affairs director, made clear that Herr Jacobs was not going to be rushed into anything by Nestlé's 890p per share cash offer for Rowntree.

"We want to analyze the situation carefully before coming to any conclusions," he said from the company's headquarters overlooking Lake Zurich. Expansion was, however, fundamental to Suchard's philosophy. Asked when a counterbid could be expected, Herr Anderau, was less forthcoming.

Suchard is no stranger to the British market, and has £40 million worth of business, making and distributing chocolate products. The £162 mil*lion Suchard paid two weeks* ago for a 14.9 per cent stake in Rowntree represented a major new thrust into the British market.

Herr Maucher, as the man credited with revitalizing the "slumbering giant" Nestlé, is not a man to stand idly by in the European chocolate shakeout.

- Before leaving for Italy, Herr Jacobs said: "We will show the London market shortly how serious we are about Rowntree.

RIVALS FOR ROWNTREE

	Nestlé **Swiss Fr**	**Jacobs Suchard** **Swiss Fr**
Turnover	*35.2 9bn*	*6.1bn*
Net profit	1.8bn	265m
Operating profit	3.7bn	471m
Cash flow	*3.0bn*	*394m*
Net profit per share	537	530
Shareholders funds	12.7bn	1.1bn
Sales	2.8bn	3.5bn
Staff (no of people)	163,000	16,000

Nestlé: Suchard, Toblerone, Milka, Cote D'Or, Van Houten. **Jacobs Suchard:** Milky Bar, Crunch, Choclat Chips. (1987 figures)

'Rise in pound will have adverse effects on industry in long term'

Output and orders buoyant says CBI

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

The Confederation of British Industry yesterday reported strong growth in output, healthy orders and a record proportion of companies planning to increase investment over the next 12 months.

There was little indication in the CBI's latest Quarterly Survey of Industrial Trends of any effects on exporters following the pound's recent rise. But Mr David Wigglesworth, the chairman of the CBI's Economic Situation Committee, said that the pound's rise, together with its recent volatility, would have adverse effects on industry in the long term.

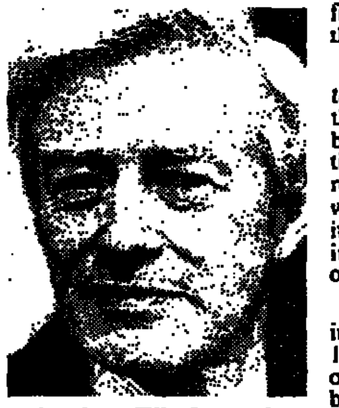
"Instability of sterling makes forward planning very difficult and, after its recent sharp appreciation, sterling must now be right at the upper end of any range acceptable to British industry," he said.

The April survey, carried out between March 25 and April 13, showed some evidence of pressures on industrial capacity and of higher inflation, but CBI officials denied that these signalled an emerging overheating prob*lem in the economy*.

The proportion of companies working below full capacity, 32 per cent, was the lowest since January 1958, and there was an increase to 26 per cent, from 21 per cent at the time of the previous quarterly survey in January, in the percentage of companies reporting capacity as a constraint on output.

This figure, on the face of it worrying, is balanced by the investment optimism shown in the survey, with 48 per cent of companies planning to *increase plant and machinery* investment during the next 12 months and only 16 per cent expecting to invest less. The balance, of 32 per cent, compared with 20 per cent in January.

In addition, 86 per cent of companies said that present capacity was adequate to meet demand over the next 12 months. *Over a third,* 35 per cent, of firms raised domestic prices in the first four months of the year.



Cautious: Wigglesworth

The main surprise of the survey was the buoyancy of output and orders, both at home and abroad, in spite of the strength of the pound and recent indications from official figures of a slowdown in the economy.

Mr Wigglesworth said that *the investment figures showed* the long-term confidence of business but that the combination of a high pound and relatively high interest rates *would cut margins and make* it more difficult for firms to invest in research and development, skills and training.

Overall business confidence improved, with a balance of 19 per cent of companies more optimistic about the general business situation, compared with 11 per cent in January.

Guinness role in brewery takeover

By Lawrence Lever

The Department of Trade and Industry inspectors investigating Guinness have uncovered a secret role which the brewing and spirits group played in the closely fought takeover battle between *Scottish* & Newcastle Breweries and Matthew Brown, the Blackburn brewer.

The Guinness inspectors have questioned several people on the circumstances surrounding the secret purchase of about 1 per cent of *Matthew Brown's* shares by G&C Moore, a Guinness subsidiary, in the closing stages of the bid for Matthew Brown by S&N in late 1985.

Among those interviewed was Mr Pat Townsend, the former chairman of Matthew Brown. He was interviewed *recently* but has declined to make any public comment. The inspectors are believed to be investigating whether Guinness, which supported the target company Matthew Brown, received any form of payment or indemnity for the losses which it suffered on the shares.

The inspectors have already been told that details of the losses which Guinness incurred on the shares were provided to Mr Olivier Roux, the then Guinness *finance director, at his request.*
The purchase of about 200,000 Matthew Brown shares costing more than £1 million was effected in December 1985. This was shortly before Scottish & *Newcastle's £125 million bid was due to* close.

Although the shares were purchased for the account of G&C Moore, Guinness apparently wanted complete *secrecy about its role in the bid battle.*

The shares were therefore registered in the name of a third party.

In evidence given to the Department of Trade inspectors, Mr Anthony Parnes, who acted merely as the stockbroker purchasing the Matthew Brown shares, says that the only person who could have given him instructions over the need for secrecy would have been Mr Roux.

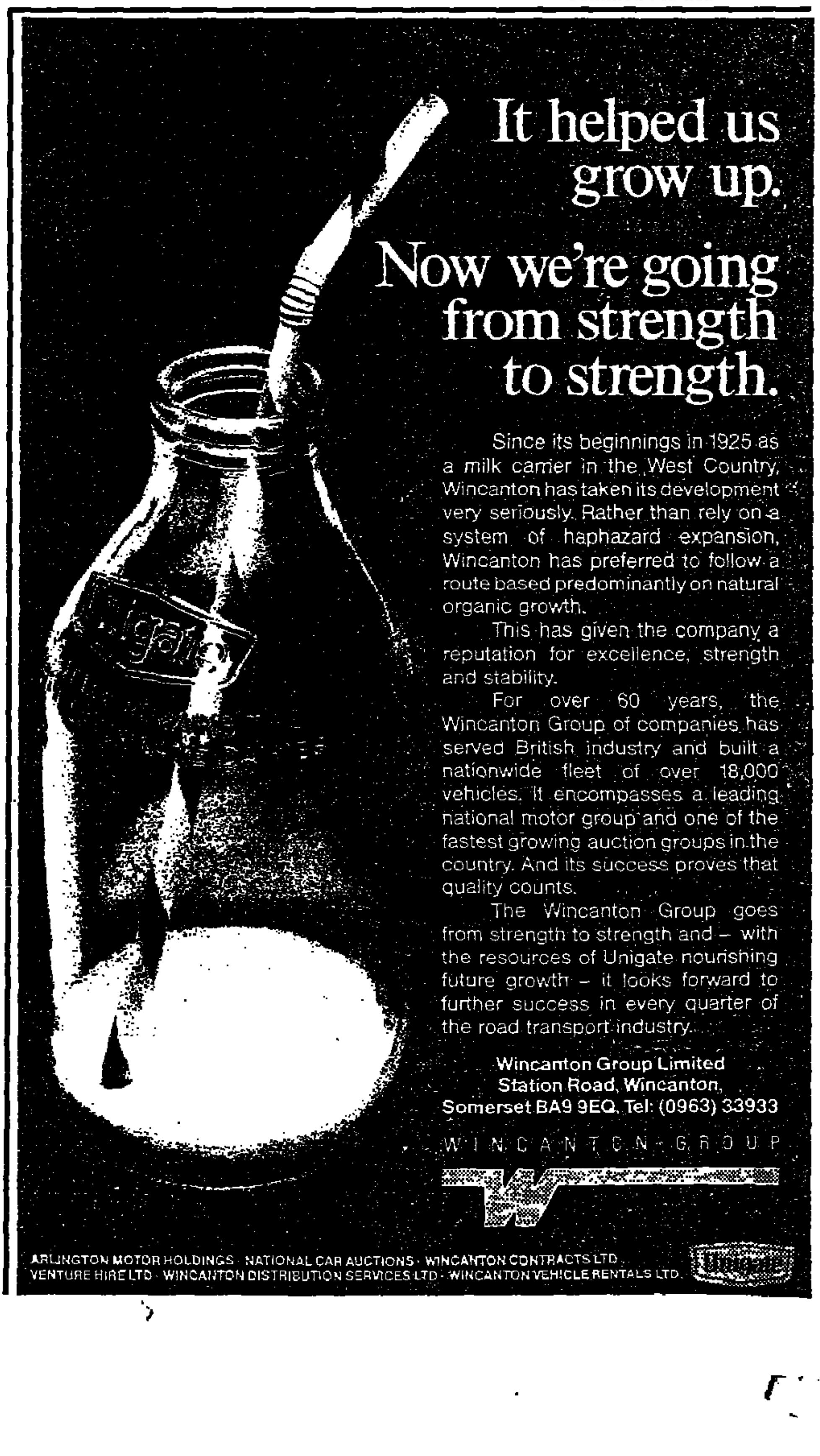
The Scottish & Newcastle bid for Matthew Brown in 1985 was a very closely run battle. S&N was offering 16 of its own shares for every five Matthew Brown with a cash alternative of 540p.

S&N eventually secured just over 50 per cent of Matthew Brown's shares. *However, the bid was subsequently* lapsed by the full Takeover Panel who ruled that a last minute extension during which S&N crept above the 50 per cent mark should not have been allowed by *the Panel executive.*

Matthew Brown shares dropped by over £1 after returning from suspension while the Panel deliberated.

According to Mr Parnes, Mr Roux asked him to do a calculation on the losses incurred on the Matthew Brown shares purchased by Guinness. He gave the calculation to Mr Roux.

Mr Roux was abroad on holiday yesterday and unavailable for comment. *Guinness said it had no comment to* make.



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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Victory for Borrie in battle with Lautro

Insurance salesmen are to be forced to tell clients exactly how much commission they are earning from a sale. This victory for Sir Gordon Borrie, the Director General of Fair Trading, over the determination of Lautro, the Life Assurance and Unit Trust Regulatory Organization, to restrict information about commissions, is tempered by the fact that the new "hard disclosure" will not be brought in until January 1, 1990.

Sir Gordon criticized the original proposal that would have allowed insurance and unit trust salesmen to tell clients merely that they were abiding by the industry agreement on commissions – soft disclosure – rather than having to tell them in blunt terms exactly what that commission amounted to – hard disclosure.

BHP accepts Rheem offer

Broken Hill Proprietary (BHP) said it had accepted a takeover bid of Aus$2.65 (£1.07) a share from SA Brewing Holdings for its remaining 62.56 million shares in Rheem Australia, a light engineer. This follows its sale last month of 29.6 million Rheem shares and 6.95 million options to the Adelaide-based company.

Logica buys Jardine stake

Logica, the computer software group, is buying out Jardine Matheson's 50 per cent interest in its Far Eastern joint venture, Jardine Logica, for an undisclosed sum. The venture, established in 1983, will keep its headquarters in Hong Kong and will be renamed Logica Systems, a wholly owned subsidiary of Logica.

Growth at Five Oaks

Five Oaks Investments, the property developer, is promising at least a maintained final dividend of 1p after half-way pretax profits for the six months to end-December, up 46 per cent to £809,000.

The company made a maiden payment for the last financial year but is not paying an interim dividend. It says projects are progressing well and the property market has remained firm, with strong rental growth in central London which will enhance the value of its latest acquisitions in Covent Garden.

S&R profits stand still

Profits at Scott & Robertson, the Scottish packaging company, were almost unchanged in the year to end-December at £1.62 million (£1.68 million), on turnover up from £26 million to £32.5 million. It had forecast not less than £1.5 million profits when it bought Visqueen from ICI in December. The total dividend was 4p (3.5p).

Lee on board at Hazlewood

Mr Francis Lee, the former Manchester City and England footballer, is joining the board of Hazlewood Foods as a non-executive director. Mr Lee, who made some 700 appearances in the Football League, sold his FH Lee paper tissues business to Hazlewood in 1981 for more than £8 million, and continued to run it as a subsidiary.

TEMPUS

Tarmac's market appeal dries up

In a bumper year for the British construction industry, the market would have ignored anything other than sparkling figures from Tarmac. After all, the company has a finger in all the industry's tastiest pies and a reputation for performance.

A maiden contribution from the US Tarmac-LoneStar was the main reason for the growth from acquisitions – accounting for a third of the 56 per cent profits increase.

Housing expanded by 1,000 units, taking the total to 11,236. Economies of scale and tight cost control contributed to the advance.

Operating margins at 18.4 per cent – up four percentage points – are almost unheard of in a housebuilder, particularly one which builds two-thirds of its homes outside the South-east at an average price of £48,500, below the national average.

Construction margins were wider as the quality of the order book improved. Tarmac is earning rewards from having a higher risk portfolio containing a small amount of management fee work.

The quarry products division suffered from competitive pricing although volumes were firm. Better margins should be earned this year.

The newly hived-off building materials division made good progress. It will continue to invest in new capacity and search for acquisitions.

Tarmac-LoneStar matched budget, contributing more than $50 million (£27 million) in operating profits. The other US businesses made modest progress in dollar terms but Tarmac is optimistic about 1988.

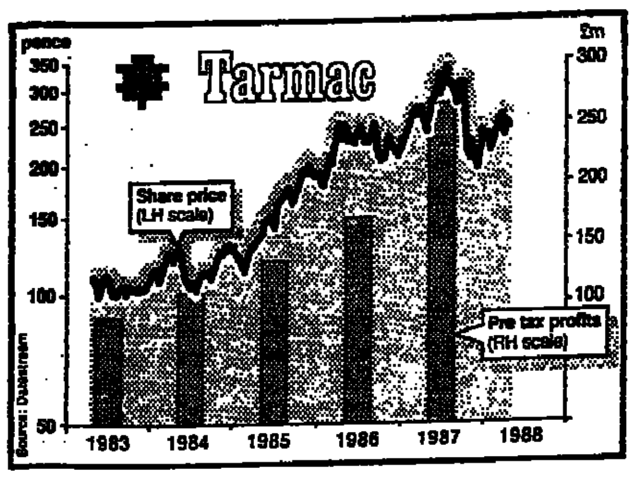
Although the US accounts for more than 16 per cent of operating profits, this falls to 10 per cent of attributable earnings due to higher US tax rates and the LoneStar minority. However, 1987 pretax profits were depressed by £8 million due to exchange rate movements.

Even so, Tarmac must be congratulating itself on its modest exposure to the US, although this may be due to its relative tardiness in joining the acquisition trail rather than by deliberate design.

Gearing stands at 21 per cent, down from 36 per cent in 1986, so if Tarmac wished to step up its acquisition programme, it has the scope.

Tarmac should make £300 million this year, putting the stock on a p/e ratio of 9.5 times. This is not expensive given the group's record and spread of activities.

The shares, however, are not the market's favourites. The strengths that make them attractive to those wanting a well balanced slice of the sector are not so apparent in boom times when investors think they can maximize their returns by investing directly in other companies active in each of Tarmac's seven sectors.



Ratners

The transformation of Ratners Group from a sleepy family firm to the world's largest jewellery chain has taken less than five years.

The huge growth in size and profitability has, however, left the market somewhat sceptical. After more than doubled profits for three consecutive years, there are now concerns about saturation point being reached in Britain, where Ratners already has 20 per cent of the market.

The company has no such worries. It believes it can go to 50 per cent through taking on the none too hot competition in a very fragmented market. The independents' share of the market – now about 42 per cent – has been crumbling and looks set to crumble further.

Ratners's target of 1,000 British outlets will be reached in the next two years, but profit growth should continue to come through from the benefits of centralized buying and distribution. The company is already flexing its buying muscles on a joint UK/US basis and earning very handsome discounts as a result.

It is also managing to add sales at an impressive pace. Last year the Ratners chain achieved a like for like sales increase of 25 per cent and H Samuel achieved more than 38 per cent.

The main expansion, however, will be centred on the US. Yesterday's acquisition comes after two American buys last year and looks certain to be followed by more. The American jewellery industry is equally fragmented and Ratners is already grabbing market share through fierce price cutting and greater efficiency.

More American acquisitions should not lead to further share issues after two rights issues last year, but the nagging doubt remains. Yesterday's chosen instrument was the highly popular convertible preference share.

This year Citicorp Scrimgeour Vickers, the stockbroker, expects Ratners to make £77 million. The prospective p/e ratio of 10.4, on shares down 5p at 258p, is at an 8 per cent discount to the market.

With the vital Christmas season still a long way off, there is no immediate prospect of a rerating. There is also little downside in the shares at these levels.

FR Group

FR Group's 31.5 per cent increase in pretax profits undershot market expectations and the shares dropped 27p to 252p.

At the operating level profits rose 13.6 per cent, but the boost came from a £5 million interest contribution from unspent rights issue proceeds. The company had just over £50 million in the bank at the year end, offset by $25 million borrowings in the US.

FR is looking to spend its cash pile and has six potential acquisitions in its sights in the UK, US and Europe. It is keeping within the broad area of manufacturing and engineering where there is synergy with the present defence, aerospace and electronics equipment supply operations. With 50 per cent of its business defence related, FR has suffered with other defence contractors from Ministry of Defence ordering delays and cancellations.

The best performances in the group came from FR Aviation and WES, which makes containers for the aerospace industry. Alan Cobham Engineering continued to be disappointing, with profits lower despite higher turnover, because of fierce competition. In the US profits from Stanley Aviation were reduced on translation by £200,000 due to the dollar's weakness. Carleton Components, bought for $30 million last summer made only a nominal contribution

Despite American turnover rising to an estimated £25 million this year from £15 million last year, the dollar borrowings give the company a good hedge against a stronger pound.

Pretax profits this year are expected to grow by about 20 per cent. The shares are trading on a fairly full historic p/e of 13.

STOCK MARKET

Courtaulds leaps on dawn raid hopes

Courtaulds, Britain's biggest textile group, is shaping up to become the next takeover target of an overseas predator, judging by the flurry of activity in after-hours trading last night which added £132 million to its stock market value.

The share price ended the day a hefty 33p higher at 385p, valuing the entire company at about £1.5 billion as almost 7 million shares changed hands. Talk in the market claims that Dupont, the US textile group, is about to launch a dawn raid on the company. Word is it is ready to pay up to 450p a share for a near 15 per cent stake.

During the last account, Courtaulds was the subject of intense takeover speculation with Citicorp Scrimgeour Vickers, the broker, reported to be a heavy buyer of the shares. There were even suggestions that it had managed to build a 3 per cent holding on behalf of one of its clients. Hanson is also reckoned to have held stake in Courtaulds for some time.

Courtaulds has built up a strong following in the City under the leadership of Sir Christopher Hogg, its chairman, after shaking off the effects of the recession a few years ago. Sir Christopher was unavailable for comment last night. But one leading broker commented: "I would be surprised if a dawn raid materialized. The story is all around the market. It's hardly the best way to start a buying operation of that size."

Analysts are looking for pretax profits next month to show an increase of £18.9 million to £220 million.

Bid fever gripped the rest of the market which was cheered by the £2.1 billion offer for Rowntree from Nestlé. Sentiment was also bolstered by a cheerful survey from the Confederation of British Industry.

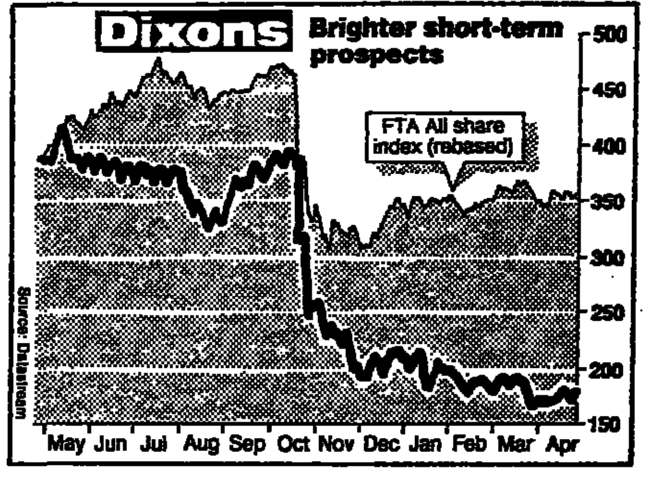
Share prices closed at their best levels of the day with the FT-SE 100 index again crossing the 1,800 mark. It closed 23.2 up at 1,800.8 despite continuing worries about the latest trade figures expected this week. The narrower FT index of 30 shares also finished higher, up 18.0 at 1,431.3 following another firm start to trading on Wall Street.

But government securities spent another lacklustre session with prices at the longer end of the market finishing £⅛ lower as hopes of an early cut in interest rates continued to recede.

Dixons Group, the electrical retailer, which recently announced plans for a listing on the Tokyo stock exchange at the end of the month, rose 4p to 178p on a thin volume of 438,000 shares.

Mr Zak Keshavjee, stores analyst at SBCI Savory Milln, reckons the shares are a buy.

He believes that Dixons is one of the best-managed retail companies in the sector despite the setback last year. Mr Stanley Kalms, the chairman, has effectively reassumed frontline control and will direct operations.



The group is re-tuning its trading formula and during the trough of the consumer electrical replacement cycle, he predicts an annual profits growth of 15 per cent per annum rising sharply to 30 per cent-plus in the early 1990s when the sub-sector will be the fastest growing in retailing.

He forecasts that the group will reveal current year pretax profits of £102.5 million in July and expects £120 million for next year. He also reckons that the prospective p/e of 9.3 times ignores a predictable and exciting replacement cycle. The shares are expected to rise to 250p on a year's view.

Frederick Cooper is expected to launch a bid today for Lorlin Electronics, the USM-quoted group, suspended on Monday at 160p. Dealers are talking of a bid of about 240p a share but Mr Bob "Big Bear" Morton is unlikely to join the bidding. He says the price is too high.

Two newcomers to the market made a satisfactory start to trading.

Dagenham Motors, the Ford dealer, placed at 110p on the main market by Samuel Montagu, the merchant bank, opened at 120p and during the course of a moderate turnover eased to 115p before closing at 116p – a premium of 6p.

Moorfield Estates, the commercial and residential property developer in Yorkshire and the West Midlands placed at 120p on the Unlisted Securities Market by Strauss Turnbull, the broker, advanced to 131p before finishing at 126p, also an opening premium of 6p.

Fisons, the drugs, scientific instruments and horticulture group, which was a strong last week following favourable notices from Barclays de Zoete Wedd and Citicorp Scrimgeour Vickers, the broker, rose another 1p to 257p on turnover of more than 2.3 million shares.

Mr Paul Woodhouse, analyst at Citicorp Scrimgeour Vickers, said the presentation planned for today at which Dr Ed Barnard of the Sloan Kettering Institute of New York, who has been involved in the clinical trials on Pentamidine, Fisons' drug used for treating Aids-related pneumonia, had been postponed.

But Mr Barnard will be attending a seminar in Paris on Friday with other medical experts who have been studying Pentamidine. Mr Woodhouse and other Fisons followers are still hoping for some bullish reviews.

The food sector responded positively to the news that Nestlé had upstaged Jacobs Suchard, its Swiss rival, by launching its unwelcome offer for **Rowntree**, the Aero, KitKat, Smarties and Rolo chocolate group.

Rowntree soared 178p to 928p – well above the 890p-a-share bid terms offered by Nestlé. James Capel, the broker, was reported to be an aggressive buyer of the stock cum the 10.5p dividend. More than 26 million shares changed hands.

Keep an eye on John Williams of Cardiff, the steel stockholder, where Wyndham Group is injecting £1 million in return for a 20 per cent stake. There is talk someone else is now stalking the shares. The ordinary shares held steady at 33p while the nil-paid firmed ½p to 8½p.

Dealers were not surprised by the Nestlé move and were looking forward to see what sort of response it will draw from Suchard who recently acquired a near 15 per cent stake in Rowntree at 630p per share.

One dealer suggested that Suchard could launch a counter bid, but would possibly be just content to sell its stake at a handsome profit.

Buyers also singled out other companies with a speculative flavour which they hoped could attract the next bid.

Cadbury Schweppes was among the names mentioned in reports that General Cinema of the US, which already owns a near 18 per cent stake in the company, will bid for the rest. The shares rose to close 35p higher at 330p following a turnover of more than 25 million shares.

United Biscuits, whose products range from McVitie's to the Pizzaland and Wimpy fast food chains and which recently acquired the Ross Young frozen food business from Hanson for £335 million, was also supported on bid hopes and ended 22p better at 289p.

Ranks Hovis Macdougall advanced by 10 to 354p on hopes of a bid from Goodman Fielder of Australia, while **Northern Foods** closed a further 9p better at 274p on continuing talk of a consortium offer led by Mr John Randall.

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NEW YORK

Dow higher in early trading

(Reuter) – Wall Street share prices were generally higher in early trading yesterday with the blue chips extending small gains.

Brokers related buying to the moderate rise of 2.3 per cent in first-quarter gross national product. However, the GNP report also suggested consumer spending remained strong.

Bond prices fell and traders said the report added to concern about possible credit-tightening by the Federal Reserve.

The Dow Jones industrial average was up 7.13 to 2,044.43 at one stage when the transport indicator was up 1.94 to 855.14 and the utilities average just 0.47 higher at 170.52.

Advancing shares led declining issues by a two-to-one margin.

Tandem Computers gained 1½ to 18¾. Analysts said it rose on higher March-quarter earnings.

- Leading union contracts negotiated between January and March showed an average increase of 2.1 per cent in the first year of the wage deals, the Labour Department said in Washington.

TOKYO

Nikkei edges up but caution rules

(Reuter) – Share prices closed slightly higher touching a new high on incentive-backed buying yesterday, but the market mood was cautious with gains tempered by profit-taking, brokers said.

People were looking towards the US first-quarter gross national product figures, Mr Hiroyuki Wada, general manager of Okasan Securities, said. "We have been on an uptrend for three days, and some investors are taking a bit of a break."

The Nikkei average gained 33.32 points, or 0.12 per cent, to close at 27,246.77. It climbed 155.08 points on Monday.

Rising shares almost matched declining issues on volume of one billion shares against 850 million thatchanged hands the previous day.

Communications, securities house, pharmaceutical, food, airline, non-ferrous metal, precision instrument, trucks, machinery and glass-cement shares led the advance.

Credit-lease, non-life insurance, gas, rail and bus, retail, service and property issues declined.

Yesterday was the first day of trading for May settlement, so turnover picked up.

FRANKFURT

Prices ease as buyers stay away

(Reuter) – West German shares eased in quiet trading as lack of investor interest weighed on a frustrated market, dealers said.

"It's dead quiet. The prices can only go down when there's so little interest," one dealer said. "There's no incentive for investors to buy.

"When the big three (Daimler, Siemens and Deutsche Bank) are weak, that isn't really compensated by Mannesmann gaining DM1," he said, referring to recent sessions where most of the buying has been bargain-hunting among less actively traded shares.

The Commerzbank 60-share index, calculated at mid-session, fell to 1,361.1 from 1,376.9 on Monday. The Börsen-Zeitung 30-share index ended at 292.28 after 293.95 the previous day.

Deutsche Bank managed to edge 50 pfennigs higher to DM411.50 but Commerzbank was unchanged at DM227.50 and Dresdner fell DM1.80 to DM243.20.

Siemens softened DM1.70 to DM343.40, AEG edged 30 pfennigs lower to DM204.70 and Nixdorf fell DM3.10 to DM505.70.

WALL STREET

	Apr 25	Apr 22		Apr 25	Apr 22		Apr 25	Apr 22
AMR Cp	43¾	43¾	Fedders	8¾	8¾	Pennzoil	74¾	72¾
ASA	44¼	44¼	Firestone	79½	79¾	Pepsico	35¾	34¾
Aetna Life	42½	42½	Fst Chicago	26¾	26¾	Pfizer	56¾	55¾
Allied Signal	31¼	31¼	Fst Int Bncp	43¾	43¾	Phelps Dod	41¾	41¾
Allis Chlm	1	1½	Fst Penn C	10¾	11	Philip Mor	86¾	87¾
Alcoa	46½	46¾	FT Wachva	37¾	37¼	Philip Ptrl	17¾	17¾
Amex Inc	21	21	Ford Motor	47	45¾	Polaroid	30¾	30¾
AMR Hess	31½	29¾	GAF Cp	50½	50	Primerica	25¾	26¾
Am Brands	44½	44½	GTE Cp	35¾	35	Proct Gble	78¾	77¾
Am Cynmd	48¾	48¾	Gen Cp	18	17	Pub SE Gr	22¾	23¾
Am Ele Pwr	26¾	26¾	Gn Dynam	54½	54¼	R Nabisco	51¾	51¾
Amexs	24	24¾	Gen Electric	41	40¾	Raytheon	66½	66¾
Am Family	15½	15½	Gen Inst	30¾	29¾	Rynlds Met	46¾	46¾
Am Home	77¾	77¾	Gen Mills	47¾	46¾	Rockwell Int	19	19¾
Am Int Grp	51½	50¾	Gen Motors	74¾	73¾	Royal Dutch	122¾	122
Am Stand	77¾	77¾	Gen Pub Ut	32¾	32	SFE Sopac	16	15¾
Am Telph	27¾	27¾	Genesco	4¼	4¾	Sara Lee	39¾	38¾
Amoco Cp	78¾	78¾	Georgia Pac	40¾	40¾	Schlumb	37¾	38¾
Anheuser B	31¼	31¾	Gillette	41¾	42	Scott Paper	37¾	37¾
Armco Steel	11¼	11¾	Goodrich	50¾	51¾	Seagram	52	52¾
Asarco Inc	23¾	23¾	Goodyear	64¾	64	Sears Roeb	35¾	35¾
Ashland Oil	68¾	69¾	Gould Inc	10¾	10¾	Shell Trans	79¾	79¾
Atl Richfld	88¾	87¾	Grace Co	27	26¾	Singer	n.a	50
Avon Prod	24	23¾	Grt Atl Pac	36	36	Smith Beck	54¾	52¾
Bk Boston	24½	24¾	Greyhnd	30¼	29¾	Sony Cp	44¾	43¾
Bank NY	30½	30¾	Gruman	21¾	21¼	Sth Cal Edl	30¾	30¾
Bankamer	11	10¾	Gulf & West	76¾	76	SW Bell	35¾	35¾
Bkrs Tst NY	31	30¾	Heinz	41½	41½	Squibb	61¾	60¾
Baxter	22½	22¾	Hercules	49½	49	Sterl Drug	n.a	n.a
Beth Steel	20¾	19¾	Hewlett Pk	62¾	61¾	Stevens JP	67¾	67¾
Boeing	47	45¾	Honeywell	70½	70¾	Sun Comp	59¾	60¾
Boise Casc	46½	46¾	IC Ind	35¼	34¾	TRW Inc	44	44¾
Borden	54½	54	ITT Cp	47	46¾	Teledyne	330	328¾
Bristl Meyr	41½	40¾	INCO	29	28¾	Tenneco	43¾	42¾
BP	61	61¾	Ing Rand Wi	38¾	38¾	Texaco	48¾	47¾
Brunswick	22¾	22¾	Inland Steel	33¾	33¾	Tex Eastn	27¾	27¾
Burl Nth	68	68¾	IBM	114	113¾	Texas Inst	47¾	46¾
CBS	151½	152¾	Int Paper	43¾	43¾	Tex Util	25¾	25¾
Cms Engy	17¾	17¾	Irving Bk	62¾	61¾	Textron	25¾	24¾
CPC Int	50¾	48¾	Jhsn & Jhsn	79½	77¾	Travelers	34¾	34¾
CSX Cp	29¾	28¾	K Mart	33¾	33¾	USG	39¾	38
Camp Soup	27¾	28¾	Kaisertech	14¾	14¾	USX Cp	32¾	32¾
Can Pacific	19½	19¾	Kerr McGee	37¾	37¾	Unilever Plc	34	34¾
Caterpillar	68¾	62¾	Kimbrly Clrk	54¾	54¾	Un Carbide	22¾	22¾
Centrl SW	31¾	31¼	Kraft	53¾	52¾	Un Pac Cp	65¾	65¾
Champion	34¾	34¾	Kroger	31¾	31¾	Unisys Cp	33¾	32¾
Chase Man	24¾	25¾	LTV Cp	3¾	3¾	Utd Brands	48¾	48
Chem NY	24	23½	Litton	84	82¾	Us West	52¾	51¾
Chevron	48¾	47¾	Lockheed	44¾	45	Utd Tech	39¾	38¾
Chrysler	23¾	23¾	Lucky Str	54	53¾	Unocal	36¾	37¾
Citicorp	20¾	20¾	Man H'nver	26	25¾	Warn Lamb	69¾	68¾
Clark Eq	31	31¾	Manville	2¾	2¾	Wells Far	51¾	51¾
Coca Cola	39	37¾	Mapco	55¾	55	Westg El	52¾	51¾
Colgate	40¾	40	Marriott	29¾	28¾	Weyerhsr	37¾	37¾
Columb Gas	28¾	28¾	Mt Marieta	43½	43¾	Whirlpool	25	24¾
Cmb'tn Eng	31	31¼	Masco	27¾	27¾	Woolworth	56¾	55¾
Cmwlth Edi	24¾	24¾	Mcdonalds	42¾	41½	Xerox Cp	53¾	53¾
Cons Edis	43¾	43	McDonnell	64¾	64	Zenith	19¾	18¾
Consol Ng	36¾	37	Mead Cp	37¾	37			
Cont Data	23¾	24	Merck	156¾	156¾	**CANADIAN PRICES**		
Corning Gl	51	50¾	Minsta Mng	60¾	60			
Crane	30¾	30¾	Mobil	47¾	45¾	Agnico Eag	18¾	18¾
Curtiss W	50¾	49¾	Monsanto	82¾	81½	Alcan Alum	35¾	35¾
Data Genl	23¾	24¾	Morgan Jp	32¾	32	Algoma Stl	19¾	20
Deere Co	46¾	45¾	Motorola	47¾	46¾	Can Pacific	23¾	23¾
Delta Air	50¾	50	NCR	61¼	59¾	Cominco	18¾	18¾
Detroit Edi	13¾	13¼	NL Indstrs	7½	7¾	Con Bathrst	16	16¾
Digital Eq	101¾	99¾	Nat Md Ent	22¾	21¾	Hawk S Can	24	24
Disney	56¾	55	Nat Semi	12¾	12¾	Hud Bay M	19¾	19¾
Dow Chem	83½	82¾	Norfolk Sth	27¾	28	Imasco	28¾	28
Dresser Ind	33	32¾	NW Bancrp	42	41½	Imperial Oil	59¾	59
Dupont	84¼	82¾	Occid Petl	27¾	27¾	Int Pipe	48¾	48¾
Duke Pwr	43¼	43½	Ogden Cp	30¾	30¾	Royl Trstco	16¾	16¾
East Kodak	41¾	40½	Olin Cp	47¾	47¾	Seagram	64	64¾
Eaton Cp	79¾	78	PPG Ind	40¾	40¾	Shelco 'A'	23¾	23¾
Emerson El	30	29½	Pac Enterp	45¾	45¾	Thmsn N 'A'	27¾	27¾
Emery Air	6¾	6¾	Pac Gas El	15	15	Varity Cp	4.10	4.10
Exxon	44¾	44	Pan Am	2¾	2¾	WCT	17¾	17¾
Farah Inc	9¾	9¾	Penney JC	48¾	48¾	Weston	35	35¾

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Ratners pays $60m for US chain as profits soar 132%

By Alison Eadie

Ratners Group, Britain's leading jewellery chain, is spending $60 million (£32 million) on the acquisition of Osterman's Inc, a US specialty retail jewellery chain with 56 outlets, which has its headquarters in Toledo, Ohio.

The acquisition follows the purchase last year of Sterling and Westhall in the US and takes the number of Ratners' American outlets to 274, operating in 31 states.

A further 37 new stores will be opened in America this year and more US acquisitions are planned.

Ratners yesterday posted a 132 per cent increase in pretax profits to £52.7 million, on turnover up 128 per cent at £360.2 million.

The US acquisitions contributed £14 million. Excluding these, the British operations increased their profits by 48 per cent.

'Long way to go': Gerald Ratner in the City yesterday (Photograph: James Morgan)

Mr Gerald Ratner, the chairman and managing director, said the group still had a long way to go both in expanding in America and extracting greater profits in Britain.

He said that despite reports of a downturn in consumer confidence in the US, the right retail formula would do well in any climate.

The American operations surpassed expectations with Sterling significantly exceeding the 1987-88 profit forecast it made when it was acquired.

Westhall's integration into Sterling has been completed and Ratners is confident that by the last quarter of this year Westhall should be achieving the same level of turnover and operating profit per store as the Sterling outlets.

In Britain, expansion continued, bringing the total number of group outlets to 735. H Samuel outlets rose by 29 to 364 and a further 50 openings are planned for this year.

The Ratners chain opened 56 new outlets and plans a further 25 this year.

Mr Ratner said the group was benefiting from economies of scale and the joint buying for US and British operations.

The more we buy the bigger the discounts, Mr Ratner said. Last year Ratners sold nearly £80 million worth of diamonds.

Fully-diluted earnings per share, after two rights issues last year, rose by 43 per cent to 21.73p. The total dividend was increased by 25 per cent to 5p.

CWS lifts returns by 27% to £17m

By Rosemary Unsworth, Retail Affairs Correspondent

The Co-Operative Wholesale Society boosted profits before tax and dividend by 27 per cent to £17.5 million for the year ending January 9, 1988 — an increase of £3.7 million over the previous year.

Sales showed a 1 per cent rise, less than the rate of inflation, up from £2.375 million to £2.402 million. A growth in retail sales of £57 million was offset by an £18 million sales decrease in the production and property division where loss-making parts of the business were removed.

The profits increase follows a management reshuffle dividing the society's activities into two trading divisions. On sales to retail societies — half the society's business where the main criterion is to recover costs — services made an increased loss because of greater spending on new computer systems and a national advertising campaign to strengthen the Co-Op brand image.

"The bulk of the profits came from farming, manufacturing and property," said Sir Dennis Landau, the chief executive. These activities contributed to a division trading profit of £29.2 million against £25.7 million.

More than 1,000 retail outlets have been converted into convenience stores, although Sir Dennis said plans to increase the number of franchises had not taken off as fast as the society had thought. He said it intended to make factories more efficient, increase profits from the property portfolio, and improve distribution and services to retail societies.

The Co-Op Bank, which reports its results separately, was growing in its sector, he said. All branches are open from 9.30am to 5.00pm Monday to Friday. The Co-Op Visa card has been adopted as a store card by 30 societies.

Inflation fears on US growth

From Bailey Morris
Washington

The US economy grew by a moderate 2.3 per cent in the first quarter of the year after strong growth of 4.8 per cent in the final quarter of 1987, prompting a negative reaction in markets which saw the new data as evidence that growth remained on a upward, potentially inflationary course.

A careful review of the preliminary figures suggested that consumer spending, which had dipped sharply after the stock market crash in October, was again strong. Final sales, which mirror demand, rose by 2.6 per cent in the first quarter after a 0.9 per cent gain in the fourth quarter of 1987. Personal consumption expenditures also rose sharply, by 3.8 per cent.

The first quarter growth was in line with market expectations but analysts said that it did not dispel fears that the US Federal Reserve Board may soon be forced to raise interest rates.

BET's Argus goes under the hammer

By Martin Waller

BET, the industrial services group, is auctioning Argus Press Holdings, which publishes a total of 320 magazines, yearbooks and local newspapers.

The move is part of BET's focus on its core business of industrial and support services. Last week it announced the sale of Rediffusion Simulation to Hughes Aircraft for £151 million.

Of the 150 magazines printed by Argus, *Slimming* is best known, with a monthly circulation of about 250,000. Argus also owns the South London Press group of local papers and a range of consumer and business titles.

A memorandum will go out next week to potential purchasers, who will be expected to sign confidentiality agreements. In another four weeks or so further details, including the results for the year to April 2, will be available, and they will be asked for non-binding offers.

The sale will command a hefty rarity premium and is expected to raise more than £200 million.

Sales revenues for the last financial year are estimated by the vendors at £138 million, excluding Burlington Publishing, which was sold to Associated Newspapers for an undisclosed sum last month. Analysts are estimating trading profits at £18 million, up from £14 million last time.

Negotiations are expected to last until the early summer, especially if the four separate divisions are sold to different purchasers. BET has said it will not contemplate a more substantial break-up.

The group says the selection of eventual purchasers will depend both on price and on their plans for Argus staff.

Once the Argus and Rediffusion deals have gone through the group will be cash positive, a spokesman said. But this did not mean itwas priming itself for one big acquisition in its chosen field of support services, he added.

Camotech trebles to £538,000

By Michael Tate

Camotech, the maker of aircraft seats for British Airways Cathay Pacific and supplier of air-cleaning parts for Ford and Rover cars, trebled profits in the six months to end-February, from £132,000 to £538,000.

Earnings per share rose to 5p against 1.1p and the interim dividend is increased from 0.686p a share to 1p.

Mr Peter Cormack, the chairman, expects just as strong a performance in the second half, he says the group remains "acquisition-hungry." It must, however, wait another year before it can return to the USM from the third market.

£1.94m Kitty Little placing

By Joe Joseph

Kitty Little, a Stoke company that designs, makes and markets decorative room, car and shoe fresheners, was launched on the Unlisted Securities Market yesterday via a placing of £1.94 million new shares at 90p each, valuing the fast-growing group at £8.5 million.

Kitty Little's products sell through high street department stores and supermarkets, with Boots — Kitty Little's largest customer — accounting for 41 per cent of last year's sales of £4.13 million. Exports, which went to more than 20 countries, swallowed up 17 per cent of turnover.

The £1.575 million net raised by the share placing will be used to provide increased working capital and acquisitions for the group, which made pretax profits in the year to January 30 of £846,000.

Yesterday's placing by Laurence Prust, the broker, represents 20 per cent of the company's enlarged share capital. Mr Graham Webster, chairman, will hold 71.5 per cent of the enlarged capital, with the remaining 8.5 per cent held by other board members. None of the existing shareholders sold shares in the placing.

Fresh on the market: Graham Webster, the chairman

IN BRIEF

Cosalt turns in £1.3m

More than doubled pretax profits of £1.3 million in the six months to the end of February from Cosalt, the ship's chandler and caravan maker, up from £563,000 last time, have been accompanied by a 1p rise in the interim dividend to 2.5p.

Turnover was increased by just £3.66 million to £30.86 million.

BDA first

In its first year as a public company, BDA Holdings, the property and professional construction services consultant, reported an 11 per cent rise in pretax profits to £1.1 million. Sales rose from £3.9 million to £4.6 million. Earnings per share fell from 9.2p to 8.4p in the 12 months to end-January. A final dividend of 1.5p was declared making a total of 2.5p for the year.

Dencora plan

Dencora, the property investment and development group, more than doubled taxable profits from £1.82 million to £4.06 million last year on turnover of £22.4 million. The company has acquired a 14-acre site in Ashford, Kent — the site of the Channel Tunnel terminal — which it intends to develop for light industrial and high technology use.

Casket up

Casket, the Manchester clothing distributor which took over the similar Kingsley & Forester business late last year, increased pretax profits on a merger-accounted basis by 26 per cent to £3.03 million in the six months to December. Turnover rose to £52.24 million, from £49.28 million. The half-way dividend is stepped up to 1.2p from 1.0p.

Plumb soars

Plumb Holdings, the shopfitter whose clients include Burton and Marks and Spencer, almost doubled pretax profits from £1.45 million to £2.88 million in the year to January 30. Turnover grew by £22 million to £48.9 million. There is a final dividend of 3p making 4.25p for the year against a total of 3p last time.

Property rise

Scottish Metropolitan Property, the Glasgow investment property group, reported a marginal increase in pretax profits in the half year to February 15 from £3.7 million to £3.8 million. Net revenues grew by 20 per cent to £5.5 million. An interim dividend of 2p per share was declared, up from 1.9p last year.

COMMENT David Brewerton

Rowntree, too sweet for Nestlé to ignore

The medieval calm of York was always destined to be shattered by a bid for Rowntree: it was only a matter of when. And how much.

The timing of the £2.1 billion Nestlé offer has been dictated not by Nestlé, nor even by Rowntree, but by the dawn raid from Jacobs Suchard two weeks ago. Those who sold out in the dawn raid are already regretting doing so, but their loss of 230p a share is minor compared with the consequences for Rowntree, which has been placed on the international auction block with no obvious means of escape.

Herr Helmut Maucher, managing director of Nestlé, was in London to explain that hostile takeovers are not the usual Nestlé route to growth. He and his board think of co-operation rather than confrontation and of persuasion rather than pre-emption. But when Jacobs Suchard set the Swiss rolling towards a full bid, Nestlé was bound to move. If it comes to a battle decided on muscle, Nestlé is bound to win. It is bigger, stronger and has a depth of resources which few can match.

The softly, softly approach is an admirable method of achieving expansion by acquisition, when it comes off. But Herr Maucher is probably rethinking his strategy following the Jacobs Suchard raid which put Rowntree into play. Nestlé had been courting and talking for a year: it has prepared in-depth studies, and Herr Maucher has met Kenneth Dixon, Rowntree's chairman. Nestlé was prepared to do a deal which fell far short of a takeover. Until Suchard acted, Nestlé had bought no Rowntree shares. It had in mind Rowntree joining the family, not a corporate kidnap.

But when Suchard moved, even the long-term Nestlé had to make a short-term move. The battle is between the two Swiss companies, both dominated by German management styles. Suchard's acquisition of Rowntree would have changed the balance of power in the European food business, and Nestlé felt bound to act. "I could say we have been forced into this," Herr Maucher admitted yesterday.

Rowntree should have been able to read the signs but did not. Even after the Suchard raid, had it been prepared to align itself with a strong partner, through an exchange of interests or joint ventures, it could have retained a degree of independence and avoided a battle. Its delay has cost it a great deal in terms of the price it will have to pay to win.

Mr Dixon and the Rowntree management have nailed their colours firmly to the mast of continuing independence, but unless the Monopolies Commission is brought into the act, it is hard to measure their chances of success as anything more than remote. That is, of course, a shame: not for xenophobic reasons (although we should not forget that Nestlé has insulated itself from foreign takeover by its mix of registered and bearer shares) but because Rowntree is a company which does have the potential to grow into a true multi-national.

As for the potential counter bidders, they must be few and far between. Three-quarters of the value of the Nestlé bid is for the goodwill attaching to the Rowntree business, rather than tangible assets. That will be written off, for the Nestlé balance sheet contains no goodwill element, but there are few companies which have the stomach to write off £1.5 billion of goodwill in a single hit. There are, however, some, and there are not many companies as sweet as Rowntree still available for purchase. Nevertheless, Rowntree is not the only British company listed for possible action by Nestlé. There is another major strategic move in the preliminary planning stage: it is not Cadbury Schweppes.

The bid comes at a useful moment in the Rowntree calender for, four months into the year and with the important Easter season behind it, the company has a good idea of where it is going in the current year and will be in a position to make a credible forecast. But that said, it is hard to see the management coming up with a figure which would make the shares worth in excess of the 890p price except in a bid, where brands command price. In everyday stock market valuations, food companies stand at earnings multiples which barely reach the 'teens.

And it will be difficult, too, for Rowntree to play the Pilkington card which defeated BTR: Nestlé's thinking is so dedicated to long-term growth that even interim financial statements are banned within the group, and Nestlé will not list its shares on any stock exchange which insists on financial reports more often than once a year.

Rowntree does deserve its independence, but against a bid which offers shareholders the chance to double their money, it faces a titanic struggle.

Maestro's magic

Privatization has been sound economics and brilliant politics. But although the show still has some way to run the question has begun to arise of what to do for an encore.

At a conference organized by the Institute for International Research, the Financial Secretary to the Treasury, Norman Lamont, emphasized yesterday the tremendous scope the Government sees, as well as selling state enterprise to the private sector, for inviting the private sector into areas traditionally run by the state.

It is not money which the Government is seeking. With the Budget in surplus the Treasury can raise all the money it wants, generally at finer rates than any private sector borrower. Instead, it is looking, in Mr Lamont's words, for "the private sector's ideas, its management skills, its enterprise, its flexibility and its responsiveness to incentive and risk".

This is surely the right emphasis. There is no point in using private funds simply in order to reclassify public spending as private. The touchstone must be cost-effectiveness.

That should still leave enormous scope for greater private participation within the existing £150 billion of public spending. Contracting out is much less of a habit in Government than in private industry. Major infrastructure projects like the Dartford crossing which are revenue-producing can often be run more cost-effectively by the private sector than by Government. The review of the Health Service, now under way, is explicitly concerned with bringing in more commercial skills including perhaps privately-run hospitals.

The Government has put up a sign: "open to ideas." Success in importing private sector skills into large areas of the public sector would be just as important an achievement as the privatization programme itself.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

High-flyer spreads his wings

Mini-conglomerate Cresta Holdings, set up by Belfast man Brian O'Connor in the Isle of Man three years ago and now publicly quoted, has scored an unlikely coup in luring Civil Service high-flyer and fellow Ulsterman John McAllister away from the chief executive's post at the Northern Ireland Industrial Development Board. Widely tipped, in time, to become head of the NI Civil Service, which he joined 24 years ago, McAllister, aged 46, had had a glittering career there. As a result there has been, I hear, genuine surprise in Belfast business circles this week after the announcement of his departure, and even greater surprise yesterday when he finally disclosed what his new job would be. It appears he will become chairman and chief executive of Cresta's Ulster subsidiary, which, like its parent, spans financial services, corporate communications, construction and property, care of the elderly and sheltered housing, as well as retail garages. Although a promising little company — it has net assets of £6.6 million and recently notched up profits of just under £1 million — it is nevertheless an unlikely setting for a man whom talent-spotters had already marked down for a "K".

Streak of bad luck

Fresh from a début on US cable news, where he was holding forth about the British stock market, Howard Appleby, New York-based salesman for London broker Hoare Govett is, I hear, about to have further exposure forced upon him. Throughout the past fortnight or so, as speculation of a bid for Rowntree mounted, he was adamant that nothing would come of it. So much so that he promised clients he would drop his trousers on Park Avenue if a takeover bid did materialize. Even after Suchard's dawn raid, Appleby, aged 28, stuck to his guns, saying the Swiss group would never launch a full bid. He further vowed that if a third party entered the fray he would run naked down Park Avenue between 52nd Street and 72nd — past HG's Manhattan office.

Goldfingers

Where would you find the biggest hoard of gold in the world? The vaults of the Bank of England? In the home of an Arab prince? No. Estimated at 7,000 tonnes, it seems it is in the hands of private individuals in India and has been amassed as a result of that age-old tradition of bridal dowry. There are, I am told, 10 million marriages a year in India, producing an annual demand for 140 tonnes of the stuff. But because the import of gold into India is banned by the Gold Control Act, the country's 500,000 goldsmiths and jewellers are expected to survive by recycling gold ornaments. Needless to say there is a thriving market in smuggled precious metals with, consequently, 10 grammes of gold selling for about £40 more than in London. Since an Indian bride is supposed to be accompanied by a dowry of at least 100 grams of gold ornaments — costing £2,000 — the upward trend in the gold price is watched with alarm by Indian parents.

- **Staff at Consolidated Gold Fields are clearly touchy about their new head office address. A colleague, confirming an appointment there, said: "See you at King Charles Street." The reply was barked: "I am not a spaniel. The address is Charles II Street."**

"My goodness! The predators have been at the chocolates!"

Trading places

Two former Wedd Durlacher partners, Charlie Philipson and Jimmy Cox, who parted company with the firm's new parent BZW in February, will, I hear, soon be back in the City. Cox, who had been with Wedd since he was 18, starts as a market-maker at Alexanders Laing & Cruickshank next Tuesday. Meanwhile, Philipson, a larger-than-life character of the old City mould, has decided to turn his back on market-making by joining the agency broker Fiske & Co. He starts on May 23, after a trip to the South of France with his wife Caroline to celebrate their 20th wedding anniversary. "I was approached by a number of firms, including two market-makers, but I decided that market-making is a young man's game," says Philipson, aged 43. "It will be a change but I'm looking forward to it — in the City these days small is beautiful, and I wanted to be with a firm where they haven't forgotten that they are operating in a service industry and really do offer a service to clients."

- **Extrusion clause? All 36 showgirls who wear £1m worth of costumes in Harold Fielding's *Ziegfeld*, which opened at the London Palladium last night, have contracts stipulating that they will be weighed once a week, and must stay the shape they were when fitted if they are to keep their parts.**

Carol Leonard

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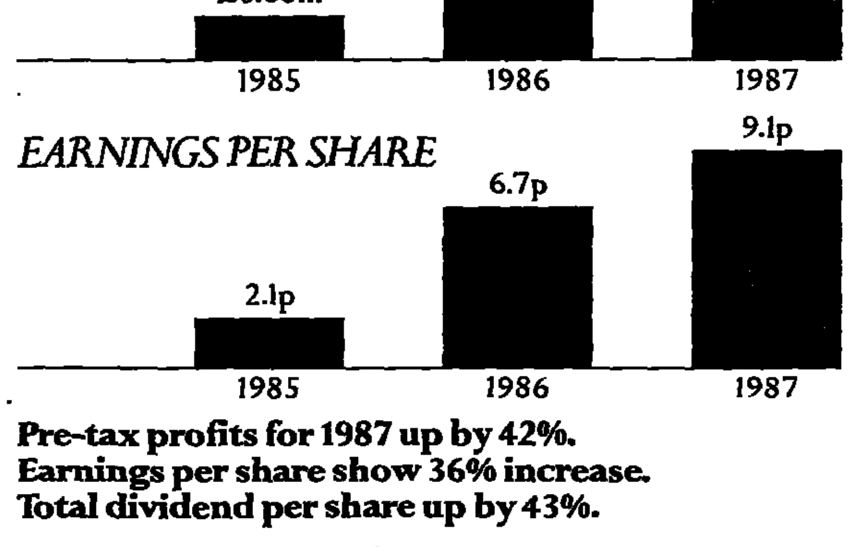

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ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
80, Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL Tel: 0345 717373 (Linkline)

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Gilt & Fixed	112.9	120.8●	-0.7	8.27
Hi Inc Equity	113.1	120.3●	-0.4	4.85
Worldwide Bd	185.5	197.2c	+0.2	4.92
American Gth	138.4	145.0	+1.1	1.87
Asian Pacific	59.6	63.7	+2.0	1.19
Assets & Earns	132.8	141.2c	-0.1	1.78
Capital Res	77.9	78.1●	-0.2	3.84
Comm Energy	85.1	91.0	+0.8	1.08
Euro Capital	65.1	69.6●	+0.5	1.08
General	159.6	169.7	-0.4	2.65
Japan	96.3	102.9	+3.7	..
UK Gth Inc	124.1	132.0●	+0.3	2.01
Do Acc	182.5	194.1●	+0.5	1.37
US Emerg Co	38.3	40.9	+0.5	0.00
Income Gth	240.1	255.4c	-1.9	3.72
Master Acc	67.8	72.5	+0.4	2.41
American Inc	39.3	42.0	+0.8	6.52
Ethical Tst	39.2	41.9	-0.1	2.98

ABTRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
10, Queens Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QJ Tel: 0224 633070
20, Chiswell St, London EC1Y 4TY Tel: 01-374 8801

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
UK Growth	30.1	32.0●	..	3.28
N Amer Inc	23.4	24.9●	+0.2	4.80
World Gth	38.2	40.6c	+0.4	1.13
Extra Inc	37.0	39.3●	-0.1	4.96
Formerly Baltic Trust Managers				
American	36.9	39.3	+0.6	2.35
Amer Extra Inc	33.4	35.7●	+0.4	6.42
Australian	18.8	20.1	+0.1	1.74
Euro Tst	39.2	41.8	+0.1	0.00
Gl/Fxd Interest	23.8	25.4●	-0.1	9.40
Global Income	33.2	35.4●	+0.2	5.48
Hi Income	52.1	55.5c	+0.1	5.50
Income Growth	63.3	67.4	..	4.42
International	80.1	85.3	+0.3	0.82
Japan Gen	162.1	169.7	+1.4	0.01
Special Sits	61.2	63.7●	-0.8	1.33
Formerly Atlanta UT Managers				
Japan Far East	71.3	75.8	+5.0	1.43
International	70.5	74.9●	+0.4	2.04
Do Acc	82.1	87.0●	+0.5	2.04
Hi Income	55.5	59.0●	-0.1	5.61
Fond Invest	95.2	101.2●	-0.2	2.53
Do Acc	144.2	153.3●	-0.3	2.53
UK Growth	20.5	21.8	..	4.55
N American	38.5	40.9	+0.3	1.57
Swiss Balncd	38.1	40.5	-0.2	3.83

AETNA UNIT TRUSTS LTD
401, St John Street London EC1V 4QE Tel: 01-837 6494

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Euro Gth Acc	97.7	104.0●	+0.6	1.16
Exempt	381.2	402.0c	-0.3	4.77
Far Eastern	203.9	215.8●	+4.4	0.00

CANNON FUND MANAGERS
1, Olympic Way, Wembley Middx HA9 0NB Tel: 01-902 8876

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Growth	32.1	34.2s	-0.1	2.81
Income	41.3	43.9s	..	4.39
Far East	27.6	29.4s	+0.3	0.21
Nth American	23.4	27.1a	+0.3	0.76
Global	42.5	45.2●	+0.2	0.76
European	36.4	38.9●	-0.3	1.36
Japan	85.8	91.3	..	0.01

CAPEL (JAMES) MANAGEMENT
PO Box 552 Winchester Hse, 77 London Wall, London EC2N 1DE Tel: 01-588 0888

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Capital	380.5	408.1●	-0.9	3.06
European S S	46.6	49.7	+0.1	2.59
Far East S S	47.4	50.5	+0.6	2.46
Gold Gen S S	47.3	50.4	+0.5	2.50
Income	331.9	354.3●	-1.6	6.31
Int Sp Sits	46.2	49.3	+0.6	2.55
Nth Amer	218.2	232.9●	+4.2	2.05

CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ Tel: 01-588 1815

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Investment	432.9		..	4.87
Fixed Int	147.6		..	9.89
Deposit	100.0		..	8.71

CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ Tel: 01-588 1815

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Income	407.55	●	..	5.27
Acc	£12.6917		..	..
Deposit	100.0		..	8.25

CHASE MANHATTAN FUND MNGRS
Woolgate House, Coleman Street London EC2P 2HD Tel: 01-606 6922

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Man Retrmnt	22.1	23.4●	..	..
SC Special Sits	60.9	64.4	..	0.43

CLERICAL MEDICAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH Tel: 0800 373393

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer Gth	17.5	18.6●	+0.3	0.20
Atlas Gth	21.1	22.4	+0.2	0.55
Dragon Gth	20.1	21.9c	+0.6	1.98
Equity Hi Inc	56.1	59.4	..	4.83
Do Acc	56.1	59.4	..	4.83
European Gth	23.0	24.4	..	1.71
Gen Equity	47.1	49.9	-0.1	2.99
G/F Intrst Gth	33.1	34.9	-0.2	7.28
Gilt & Fixed Inc	25.0	26.4●	-0.1	8.77
Int Income Tst	22.1	23.4c	+0.1	5.59
Japan Gth	46.4	49.2	+0.7	0.00
Pedigree Gth	28.2	29.9	-0.1	2.34
Special Sits	34.0	36.0	..	1.99

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
N Amer Acc	111.4	118.5●	+1.1	0.00
Far East Acc	206.5	219.6●	+3.2	0.00
Euro Tst Acc	120.9	128.6	+0.2	1.14
Gen Tst	247.3	263.0●	-0.3	3.89
Brit Excell	39.2	41.7c	-0.1	2.83
Br Fdmntls Inc	48.4	51.4	-0.3	5.96
Do Acc	48.4	51.4	-0.3	5.96

F & C UNIT MANAGEMENT
1, Laurence Pountney Hill, London EC4R 0BA Tel: 01-623 4680

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
US Smlr Co	52.2	55.6	+0.4	0.93
UK Inc Fd	90.0	95.9●	+0.2	4.60
Far East Fd	86.3	91.9	+1.6	0.00
Overseas Inc	54.8	58.3	+0.4	5.03
Fxd Interest	58.4	62.2	+2.2	9.16
Natural Res Fd	53.9	57.4	+0.6	2.10
European Inc	57.1	60.5	+0.1	2.51
Financials Fd	43.2	46.0	+0.1	2.71
Int Tech Fd	99.0	105.4c	+0.3	0.86
US Gth	67.1	71.4	..	2.31
US Major	43.4	46.2●	+0.6	0.80

FS INVESTMENT MANAGERS
190, West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA Tel: 041-332 3132

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Balan Gth Acc	64.8	69.0●	+0.3	..
Do Inc	63.0	67.1●	+0.3	0.40
Hi Yield Acc	28.7	30.5●	..	..
Do Inc	27.1	28.8●	..	5.80
Inc Gth Acc	55.5	59.1	..	..
Do Inc	49.4	52.6	..	5.60
Serv Co Acc	65.2	69.4c	+0.4	..
Do Inc	63.9	68.0	+0.3	0.80
Amer Gth Acc	20.7	22.0	+0.2	..
Do Inc	20.5	21.8	+0.2	1.00
Euro Gth Acc	15.4	16.4	+0.1	1.00
Do Inc	15.3	16.3	+0.1	1.00

FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD
River Walk, Tonbridge, TN9 1DY Tel: 0800 414161

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
American	89.5	95.8	+1.1	1.16
Amer Eqty Inc	24.4	26.2e	+0.3	6.17
Amer Spec Sit	44.4	47.5c	+0.3	0.00
Australia	21.1	22.5	+0.3	2.60
European	50.4	53.7	+0.5	..
European Inc	19.7	21.0	+0.1	4.52
Global Conv	22.0	23.5●	-0.1	5.92
Far East Inc	37.2	39.6	+0.1	3.69
Gl/Fxd Interest	30.0	30.2●	-0.2	9.50
Growth & Inc	108.8	116.7	-0.9	3.99
Japan Spec Sit	69.3	74.2	+0.4	..
Japan	161.6	172.9	+1.1	..
Managed Intl	116.6	124.1	+1.2	0.58
Inc Plus	99.8	106.8	-0.5	4.78
Famous Name	38.1	42.0	-0.2	2.58
SE Asia	33.2	35.6	+0.7	0.96
Spec Sit	232.7	248.6	-0.1	0.82
Eastern Opps	22.0	23.5	+0.3	..

Gartmore (formerly Oppenheimer) Tst Management Ltd

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Glob Inc/Gth	67.9	72.3●	..	4.21
Pacific Gth	44.0	46.9	+0.4	1.49
Pract Inv Inc	82.7	88.9●	-0.3	2.79
Do Acc	117.3	125.2●	-0.6	2.79
W'wide Recov	82.9	88.4	+0.2	1.28
Selected Opportunities Tsts				
American	26.3	28.0	+0.4	0.42
European	52.6	56.0	..	1.19
International	107.8	115.0	+0.1	0.88
Japan	69.7	74.4c	+1.0	0.00
UK	55.8	59.5	-0.2	1.31

GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT
Shackleton Hse, 4, Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR Tel: 01-378 7979 Dealing:01-588 0626

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Int Gth	87.2	92.7	+0.2	1.13
American Gth	53.6	56.3	+0.1	1.27
American Inc	55.2	59.0●	+0.6	5.19
European Gth	44.2	47.2s	+0.2	1.17
Gold & Mnrls	46.0	49.1	+0.2	0.71
Japan Gth	66.1	70.3s	+2.0	..
Pacific Inc	77.3	82.2	+1.3	3.58
Pacific Strat	40.0	42.7	+0.4	0.41
UK Prog Inc	68.6	73.3	-0.2	4.78
UK Spec Opps	131.6	140.7	+0.3	1.50
Gt British	36.0	38.5c	-0.1	3.63
UK Sml Co	34.8	37.0a	+0.1	0.99

GRE UNIT MANAGERS
Royal Exchange, EC3P 3DN Tel: 01-588 5903

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Gl/Fxd Interest	117.1	121.7	-1.1	8.70
Gth Equity	235.7	249.5	-0.5	1.15
Guardhill	293.3	310.1	-0.7	3.24
Income Tst	94.2	99.7	-0.1	5.28
Int Tst	105.1	113.1●	+0.9	0.44
N American	114.0	120.7●	+1.8	1.33
Pacific	259.4	274.5●	+4.1	0.00
Prop Share	351.0	371.5	-0.5	1.85
Smaller Co	275.0	291.1●	..	1.84
European Tst	218.2	231.0	..	1.33

GUINNESS MAHON UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
PO Box 442, 32 St Mary-at-Hill, London EC3P 3AJ, Tel: 01-623 9333

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Global Gth	36.0	38.3c	+0.1	0.80
High Income	89.2	94.9●	-0.2	5.48
N Amer Tst	87.0	92.6●	+0.6	0.82
Pacific Gth	40.9	43.6c	+0.5	0.50
Recovery	304.5	324.0●	..	2.43
St Vincent Inc	103.0	105.7	-0.1	5.83
St Vinc US Gth	47.7	49.7	+0.3	1.12
Tstrp B Sm Co	239.9	253.1	..	3.27
TBUSF	139.5	150.7c	..	2.81
Euro Gth Tst	40.4	43.0	..	0.89

HAMBROS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Admin: 5, Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood,

KLEINWORT BARRINGTON LIMITED
10 Fenchurch St London EC3 Tel: 01-623 8000 Dealers:01-929 0776

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Income Trusts				
Extra Income	49.5	52.7	-0.2	5.12
Do Acc	49.5	52.7	-0.2	5.12
Gilt Yield Inc	110.1	113.5	-1.2	9.51
Do Acc	213.7	219.6	-2.4	9.51
Global Inc	134.3	142.9	+0.4	4.83
Do Acc	236.3	251.4	+0.8	4.83
High Yield Inc	106.9	113.7●	-0.7	5.46
Do Acc	228.4	243.0	-1.3	5.46
Capital Gth Trusts				
Am Sm Co Inc	48.6	51.7	+0.5	0.45
Do Acc	50.0	53.2	+0.5	0.45
N American Inc	39.8	42.3	+0.6	1.86
Do Acc	46.7	49.7	+0.8	1.86
European Inc	77.4	82.3	+0.4	2.23
Do Acc	96.6	102.8	+0.6	2.23
Euro Spec Inc	51.6	54.9	+0.1	2.21
Do Acc	51.6	54.9	+0.1	2.21
Fd Of Invst Inc	22.0	23.4	..	2.14
Do Acc	28.7	30.5	-0.1	2.14
General Inc	185.0	187.9	-1.6	3.12
Do Acc	262.7	279.5	-2.1	3.12
Int Recov Inc	115.5	117.6	+2.2	1.30
Do Acc	118.2	125.7	-0.4	1.30
Japan Inc	277.2	294.9e	+5.1	0.22
Do Acc	280.2	298.1c	+5.1	0.22
Jap Spec Inc	138.0	146.8●	+2.6	0.04
Do Acc	138.7	147.5●	+2.6	0.04
Master Acc	142.3	150.8	+0.5	1.78
Pacific Inc	163.5	173.9●	+2.4	0.37
Do Acc	185.5	197.3	+2.7	0.37
Smlr Co Inc	104.8	111.3	..	1.37
Do Acc	125.3	134.4	..	1.37
UK Eq Gth Inc	29.0	30.9	-0.1	2.16
Do Acc	48.6	51.7	-0.2	2.16

LAS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
93, George Street, Edinburgh Tel: 031-225 4606

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
European	35.6	37.9	+0.1	0.00
Extra Income	21.9	23.3●	..	4.93
Far East	19.1	20.3●	+0.3	0.00
Income & Gth	60.3	64.2	-0.1	4.39
Int Gth	36.6	38.9●	+0.3	2.07
Japan	55.6	59.1	+1.0	0.00
N Amer Equity	21.2	22.6	+0.3	0.00
UK Equity	53.2	56.6●	..	3.06

LEGAL & GENERAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
5, Rayleigh Road, Brentwood Essex Tel: Enquiries: 0277 227300 Dealing: 0277 261010

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Equity Dist	284.6	305.8	+0.6	2.85
Do Acc	463.0	492.5	-1.5	2.85
Do Income	73.6	78.3	-0.5	4.44
European	54.4	57.8	+0.1	2.16

The prices in this section refer to Monday's trading

● Ex dividend. c Cum dividend. k Cum stock split. s Ex stock split. m Cum all (any two or more of above). a Ex all (any two or more of above). Dealing or valuation days: (1) Monday. (2) Tuesday. (3) Wednesday. (4) Thursday. (5) Friday.

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INVESTMENT TRUSTS

THIRD MARKET

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Sterling index compared with 1975 was same at 78.2 (day's range 78.1-78.3).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Market rates for April 26

	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
New Yrk	1.8745-1.8795	1.8755-1.8765	0.21-0.18pr	0.56-0.51pr
Montrl	2.3041-2.3137	2.3041-2.3072	0.02-0.16ds	0.26-0.43ds
Amstrdm	3.5168-3.5259	3.5203-3.5241	1½-1¼pr	4-3⅝pr
Brussels	65.51-65.82	65.55-65.72	20-5pr	48-29pr
Copnhgn	12.0643-12.1040	12.0675-12.0833	⅜-2ds	2⅜-4⅞ds
Dublin	1.1741-1.1779	1.1751-1.1761	27-13pr	61-5⅞pr
Frankft	3.1357-3.1445	3.1387-3.1423	6⅞-1⅞pr	4-3⅞pr
Lisbon	255.37-257.49	255.37-256.45	55-100ds	185-286ds
Madrid	206.91-207.63	206.91-207.39	31-41ds	106-120ds
Milan	2330.94-2338.10	2332.97-2336.09	2-6ds	11-17ds
Oslo	11.5460-11.6097	11.5619-11.5974	5-6⅝ds	15¼-16⅝ds
Paris	10.6518-10.6793	10.6613-10.6726	⅛pr-⅛ds	⅜-⅝ds
Stckhlm	11.0033-11.0372	11.0109-11.0224	1⅛-2ds	3⅝-4⅛ds
Tokyo	233.38-234.12	233.72-234.08	1-⅝pr	2⅜-2⅛pr
Vienna	22.03-22.09	22.05-22.08	9-8pr	24⅞-22⅞pr
Zurich	2.5943-2.6034	2.5978-2.6011	1⅝-1⅜pr	4⅛-3⅞pr

Premium = pr. Discount = ds.

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	13.574-13.678
Australia dollar	2.4832-2.4862
Bahrain dinar	0.7075-0.7115
Brazil cruzado*	245.74-247.10
Cyprus pound	0.8310-0.8410
Finland marka	7.4875-7.5275
Greece drachma	251.50-253.50
Hong Kong dollar	14.6789-14.6887
India rupee	24.72-24.92
Kuwait dinar KD	0.5125-0.5165
Malaysia dollar	4.8328-4.8374
Mexico peso	4220-4320
New Zealand dollar	2.8118-2.8178
Saudi Arabia riyal	7.0350-7.0750
Singapore dollar	3.7622-3.7682
S Africa rand (fin)	6.3079-5.4348
S Africa rand (com)	4.0364-4.0443
U A E dirham	6.8875-6.9275

*Lloyds Bank. Rates supplied by Extel and Barclays Bank HOFEX

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.5970-1.5985	Denmark	6.4290-6.4340	Italy	1243.2-1244.2
Singapore	2.0030-2.0040	W Germany	1.6725-1.6735	Belgium (Com)	34.96-35.00
Malaysia	2.5730-2.5740	Switzerland	1.3845-1.3855	Hong Kong	7.8150-7.8160
Australia	1.3220-1.3230	Netherlands	1.8755-1.8765	Portugal	136.70-137.10
Canada	1.2280-1.2290	France	5.6710-5.6740	Spain	110.35-110.45
Sweden	5.8670-5.8720	Japan	124.50-124.60	Austria	11.75-11.76
Norway	6.1700-6.1750				

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Extel.

MONEY MARKETS

Base Rates %: Clearing Banks 8 *Finance Hse* 9½
Discount Market Loans %
Overnight High: 7¾ Low 6 Week fixed: 7¾
Treasury Bills (Discount %)
Buying: 2 mth – 7⅝ 3 mth – 7⅝
Selling: 2 mth – 7¹³⁄₁₆ 3 mth – 7⅝
Prime Bank Bills (Discount %): 1 mth: 7¹³⁄₁₆-7²⁵⁄₃₂
2 mth: 7²⁹⁄₃₂-7²⁷⁄₃₂ 3 mth: 7²⁹⁄₃₂-7⅞ 6 mth 8⅛-8⁵⁄₃₂
Trade Bills (Discount %): 1 mth: 8⁷⁄₁₆
2 mth: 8¹⁷⁄₃₂ 3 mth: 8¹⁷⁄₃₂ 6 mth 8⅝
Interbank (%). Overnight: open 8 close 5½
1 week: 7⅞-7⅞ 1 mth: 8¹⁄₁₆-8 3 mth: 8⅜-8⅜
6 mth: 8¹¹⁄₁₆-8⅝ 9 mth: 8¹⁵⁄₁₆-¹³⁄₁₆ 12 mth: 9³⁄₁₆-9⅛
Local Authority Deposits (%)
2 day: 7⅞ 7 day: 7⅞ 1 mth: 8
3 mth: 8⅜ 6 mth: 8⅝ 12 mth: 9¹⁄₁₆
Local Authority Bonds (%)
1 mth: 8⅜-8⅛ 2 mth: 8⅜-8⅛ 3 mth: 8⁷⁄₁₆-8³⁄₁₆
6 mth: 8¹¹⁄₁₆-8⁷⁄₁₆ 9 mth: 8¹⁵⁄₁₆-¹¹⁄₁₆ 12 mth: 9⅛-8⅞
Sterling CDs (%): 1 mth: 8-7⅞
3 mth: 8¼-8⅛ 6 mth: 8⁹⁄₁₆-8⁷⁄₁₆ 12 mth 8¹⁵⁄₁₆-8⅞
Dollar CDs (%): 1 mth: 6.95-6.90
3 mth: 7.15-7.10 6 mth: 7.35-7.30 12 mth 7.75-7.70

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth
Dollar:	6¹³⁄₁₆-¹¹⁄₁₆	7¹⁄₁₆-6¹⁵⁄₁₆	7⅜-7¼	7½-7⅜
Call: 6⅞-6⅝				
Deutschemark:	3⁵⁄₁₆-3³⁄₁₆	3⁵⁄₁₆-3³⁄₁₆	3⁷⁄₁₆-3⁵⁄₁₆	3⅝-3½
Call: 3⅛-2⅞				
French Franc:	7⅞-7⅝	8³⁄₁₆-8¹⁄₁₆	8⅜-8¼	8⅝-8½
Call: 7⅜-6⅞				
Swiss Franc:	2⅛-2	2⅜-2¼	2⁹⁄₁₆-2⁷⁄₁₆	2⁷⁄₁₆-2⁵⁄₁₆
Call: 1½-⅝				
Yen:	4⅜-4¼	4³⁄₁₆-4¹⁄₁₆	4⅜-4¼	4⁵⁄₁₆-4³⁄₁₆
Call: 3⅞-2⅞				

ECGD

Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: March 31, 1988. Agreed rates April 26, 1988 to May 24, 1988. Scheme I: 10.38 per cent. Schemes II & III: 10.17 per cent. Reference rate March 1, 1988 to March 31, 1988. Scheme IV: 8.931 per cent.

GOLD

BULLION:
Open: $448.25-448.75 Close: $447.50-448.00
High: $449.75-450.25 Low: $447.00-447.50

COINS: **Per coin (Ex VAT)**
Britannia: $460.00-465.00 (£245.00-248.00)
Krugerrand: $447.00-450.00 (£238.00-240.00)
Mapleleaf (1oz): $460.00-465.00 (£245.00-248.00)
American Eagles: $460.00-465.00 (£245.00-248.00)
New Sovereigns: $105.25-106.25 (£56.00-56.75)
Old Sovereigns: $105.25-106.75 (£56.00-57.00)
Platinum: $512.00 (£272.35)
Palladium: $123.00 (£65.45)
Silver: $6.34-6.36 (£3.380-3.395)

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Open	High	Low	Close	Vol
Three Month Sterling		Previous open interest 30102			
Jun 88	91.22	91.33	91.22	91.24	11708
Sep 88	90.87	90.92	90.82	90.83	1078
Dec 88	90.69	90.69	90.61	90.60	221
Mar 89	90.48	90.48	90.46	90.41	32
Jun 89	90.30	90.30	90.30	90.23	10
Sep 89	90.15	90.15	90.15	90.05	20
Three Month Eurodollar		Previous open interest 30639			
Jun 88	92.45	92.51	92.41	92.50	5066
Sep 88	92.12	92.17	92.09	92.17	1485
Dec 88	91.85	91.91	91.82	91.91	868
Mar 89	91.64	91.71	91.61	91.71	142
Jun 89	NT	—	—	91.53	0
Sep 89	NT	—	—	91.37	0

	Open	High	Low	Close	Vol
US Treasury Bond		Previous open interest 7923			
Jun 88	88-17	88-28	88-09	88-27	12092
Sep 88	NT	—	—	87-27	0
Long Gilt		Previous open interest 27545			
Jun 88	120-12	120-18	120-05	120-13	24909
Sep 88	96-13	96-13	96-05	96-12	71
Dec 88	NT	—	—	—	
FT-SE 100		Previous open interest 10405			
Jun 88	179.50	180.40	178.80	180.40	1007
Sep 88	NT	—	—	181.90	0
Japanese Govt Bond		Previous open interest 489			
Jun 88	108.36	108.35	108.16	108.34	394
Sep 88	NT	—	—	107.49	0

COMMODITIES

ICIS-LOR Group

Crude and product markets continued to trade marginally in the limbo imposed by the Opec-Nopec meeting. The markets were spooky to the upside on a general sentiment that the meeting just might pull a fast one and produce an agreement to cut production.

CRUDE OILS/assessed ($/BBL FOB)

Brent Phys	17.20	+05
15 day May	17.20	+05
15 day Jun	17.25	
WTI Jun	18.40	
WTI Jul	18.35	

PRODUCTS Buy/sell $/MT.
Spot CIF NW Euro - prompt delivery

Prem Gas .15	188-189	+1
Gasoil EEC	160-162	
Non 1H Apr	156-150	+1
Non 1H May	154-155	
3.5 Fuel Oil	86-88	
Naphtha	161-163	+1

BIFFEX
GNI Freight Futures Dry Cargo ($10/pt)
Apr 88 Hi 1390-1385 Low Close 1385.0
Jul 88 Hi 1275-1240 Low Close 1260.0
Oct 88 Hi 1375-1340 Low Close 1358.0
Jan 89 Hi 1370-1349.5Low Close 1351.0
Vol 929 lots Open interest 1999
Dry cargo index 1393.5 -6.0 on 25/4/88

GAS OIL G W Joynson

May	151.75-51.50
Jun	148.25-48.00
Jul	146.75-46.50
Aug	148.00-47.75
Sep	149.00-48.75
Oct	151.00-49.00
Nov	153.00-48.00
Dec	155.00-48.00
Jan	157.00-46.00
Vol	2346

HVY FUEL OIL Reuter

May	unq.
Jun	unq.
Vol	0

LONDON POTATO FUTURES (£/tonne)

Mth	Open	Close
May	82.30	82.10
Nov	88.50	87.30
Feb	95.00	95.00
Apr	128.00	127.00
		Vol 220

LONDON FOX

COCOA G W Joynson
May 903-902 Mar 986-983
Jul 923-922 May 1005-1002
Sep 944-942 Jul 1023-1020
Dec 984-982 Vol 4025

COFFEE G W Joynson
May 1078-1076 Jan 1161-1160
Jul 1099-1098 Mar 1181-1180
Sep 1121-1120 May 1200-1195
Nov 1140-1135 Vol 2312

SUGAR C Czarnikow
FOB Vol: 6593
May 197.0-97.4 Dec 194.8-94.2
Aug 196.2-96.4 Mar 196.2-97.0
Oct 196.4-96.6 May 197.0-98.0

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES
WHEAT close (£/t) Vol 259
My 102.85 Jl 105.20 Sp 101.20
Nv 103.15 Ja 105.80 Mr 107.70
BARLEY close (£/t) Vol 47
My 101.90 Sp 96.40 Nv 101.00
Ja 103.00 Mr 104.65 My 106.85

SOYABEAN
Jun 123.6-23.0 Feb 129.5-28.5
Aug 122.0-21.5 Apr 130.5-30.1
Oct 123.5-23.0 Jun 130.5-30.0
Dec 126.0-25.8 Vol 214

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE
Official prices/volume previous day Rudolf Wolff

(£/tonne)	Cash	3 Month	Vol	Tone
Copper Gde A	1121.0-1122.0	1067.0-1068.0	242900	Easier
Copper Stand	1075.0-1085.0	1030.0-1040.0	Nil	
Lead	348.00-349.00	335.00-336.00	16250	Quiet
Zinc Hi Gde	588.50-589.00	578.00-579.00	48525	Steadier
Silver Large†	634.00-636.00	645.00-647.00	90	Steady
Silver Small†	634.00-636.00	645.00-647.00	Nil	Quiet
Aluminium	1220.0-1222.0	1108.0-1109.0	166500	Quiet
Aluminium Hi*	2295.0-2315.0	2090.0-2110.0	20500	Easier
Nickel*	20700-20750	14850-14900	4494	Quiet
				Steady

† (Cents per Troy oz). * ($ per tonne)

LONDON MEAT FUTURES (/kg)
Live Pig Contract

Mth	Open	Close
Jun	88.20	88.10
Aug	87.50	87.50
Oct	91.00	90.50
Nov	92.00	92.00

Live Cattle Contract

Apr	unq.	110.00
Jun	unq.	110.60
Aug	unq.	unq.

Vol Pig-51 Cattle-0

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Av'ge fatstock prices at representative markets on April 26

(/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB (p)	67.70	200.58	109.65
GB (+/–)	–0.29	+7.80	–0.42
Eng/Wal (%)	+2.8	–9.9	–15.2
Eng/Wal (p)	67.54	201.32	109.52
Eng/Wal (+/–)	–0.14	+7.63	–0.15
Scotland (%)	+11.3	–2.0	–13.2
Scotland (p)	69.62	194.46	112.68
Scotland (+/–)	–1.23	+10.82	–1.21

* Estimated dead carcase weight

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WCRS in second French purchase

By Martin Waller

WCRS Group, the fast-expanding advertising and communications agency, is moving further into the French market with the acquisition of SGGMD, which claims to be Europe's largest independent media buying group, for a maximum of £77.3 million.

The move, which was signposted in March when WCRS said it was in talks with the French company, follows last September's acquisition of a 49 per cent stake in the Group Belier agency in France. The deal needed the blessing of the French Treasury, which was given only last week.

The complex consideration package involves an initial payment of FFr688.7 million (£64.4 million), which can be varied once the French group's earnings for the three years to June 1989 are known.

A further 11.765 per cent of this payment, as varied, is due after June 1991, but only if the group achieved a 15 per cent compound growth rate per annum over the previous three years in its post-tax profits.

The acquisition is funded by a long-term bank loan of £64 million, arranged with a syndicate of banks, with a further £26 million available, if appropriate.

SGGMD, which claims a 20 per cent share of the French television, radio, cinema and magazine market for media buying, draws 25 per cent of its turnover from outside France.

The present management will continue to exercise day-to-day control of the business, while keeping half the equity.

Mr Charles Stern, the WCRS finance director, said the move into the Continent had in part been prompted by the ending of trade barriers in 1992 and the continuing deregulation and fast growth rate of European media.

There was also the trend towards pan-European media outlets such as satellite television.

"At this stage the French side is only very small, but we're looking for growth in the future," he added.

Eurotunnel chief puts the case for a special high-speed train service

On the right rails for Europe

By Joe Joseph

Unless a dedicated, high-speed rail line is built to funnel traffic through the South of England towards the Channel Tunnel, Britain's business community, tourists and conservationists risk undermining the benefits promised by the cross-Channel rail link, planned to open in 1993.

Mr Alastair Morton, the British co-chairman of Eurotunnel, the Anglo-French consortium building the tunnel, gave this warning last night. He said that, without such a line, incentives to stay on the roads around London would remain, and London and Kent would be the butt of continuous motorway building or dangerous and uneconomic congestion on the roads as well as in the air.

Delivering the annual Henry Ford II lecture at the Cranfield School of Management, Mr Morton predicted that unless British Rail and Parliament improved the rail infrastructure in the South-east, the business community would not be fully hooked into the European rail system.

It might then lose some benefits offered by the tunnel for freight transport economies and inventory management, and would be robbed of the full opportunities of the single European market in 1992.

"The opportunity lies in rail," said Mr Morton, "the opportunity to avoid the devastation of Kent in the national interest, and also the opportunity to take our full place in the emerging physical structure of Europe."

Explaining that "commercial structure follows transport structure," he added: "Without the tunnel, Great Britain would have come to look somewhat like South Wales would look without the Severn Bridge and the M4 connecting it to the larger market in England, but by links of increasingly desperate congestion.

"With the tunnel, Great Britain can be fully hooked into the rail system. Manchester to Paris in six hours or so for the executuve; Milton Keynes to Geneva by sleeper for the skier will be possible. London will hold its own as a financial capital, instead of declining to also-ran.

"With the tunnel, British industry can have full access to economies in inventory control — 24 to 36 hours off deliveries to northern Italy — reliably permitting Britain to participate in the rationalization of assembly and storage without loss of design and manufacturing demand on our workpeople."

Outlining the alternatives to a high-speed rail line, Mr Morton said: "Runways are a threatened species, motorways are twice the width of a high-speed rail route and so, twice the environmental setback as well as more dangerous." At the same time, "we cannot look for a 165-180 mph route across Kent for tired executives and leave freight to struggle in ever-increasing quantities along old lines."

But Mr Morton said that the benefits offered were threatened "because the last pieces of the puzzle have still to be filled in — the Thames-Channel connection by a dedicated line, part new, part upgraded and probably never over 120 mph, but cleared to carry international passengers and freight and also the more distant commuters.

"It is no use bringing sales executives, engineers and managers hot foot to Euston or King's Cross, nor bringing freight to Reading, Willesden or Stratford East, if they then can only meander round or through London.

"That is why Eurotunnel and I continue to campaign for British Rail and Parliament to finish the great plan of which we are part.

"Eurotunnel itself will be highly profitable once built, because we win traffic from road as well as rail. But Britain will do best if rail and road are taken together as a transport system for south-east England, to serve Great Britain in Europe while protecting London and Kent from continuous motorway construction or, failing that, dangerous and uneconomic congestion on road as well as in the air."

Warning note: Alastair Morton spoke of the danger of uneconomic traffic congestion

Main machines near completion

By David Young

The two main boring machines being built to create the undersea rail routes for the Channel Tunnel have cleared the design stage.

Most fabrication work for the huge machines is complete. Final machining, including turning work on one of the largest vertical lathes in the world, is taking place at the Chesterfield works of Markhams, one of the partners in the joint venture company producing the machines.

The machines will build and grout the tunnel linings and lay the rails and the electrical and water services as they advance along the tunnel.

Each is 220 metres long and backed by a 205-metre support train. They will contain fire-fighting foam systems, and ventilation and dust suppression equipment, and are designed to move forward at a rate of six metres an hour, removing 1,300 tonnes of spoil as they go.

The boring machines have been designed by the Robbins Company in the US. Markhams is a Trafalgar House company.

Ward appeals on repayment

Mr Thomas Ward, the former Guinness director, yesterday launched an Appeal Court challenge to the ruling that he must pay back the £5.2 million he received from the drinks group.

He claims that the Vice-Chancellor, Sir Nicolas Browne-Wilkinson was wrong when he ruled in the High Court last year that the payment for his part in the Guinness bid for Distillers was unlawful.

His counsel, Mr Peter Curry QC, told three appeal judges that the Vice-Chancellor ruled that the payment to Mr Ward, via a Jersey-based company, should have been disclosed to the board but was not.

But Mr Curry said the question was whether there had been authorization for the payment, and it was "quite clear" there had been.

He submitted that the payment did not have to be disclosed to the board — but even if it did have to be, and was not, that did not make the contract invalid.

Guinness, who sued both Mr Ward and Mr Ernest Saunders, its former chairman, over the payment, is defending the appeal, expected to last three days.

The judges, led by Lord Justice Fox, earlier refused an application by Mr Saunders for a reporting ban on the appeal hearing until after the criminal charges he faces have been heard.

The hearing, in which Mr Saunders is not involved, continues.

Khoo company is suspended in HK

From Stephen Leather, Hong Kong

The Hong Kong Stock Exchange has suspended a company controlled by Tan Sri Khoo Teck Puat, the Malaysian financier, for failing to put 25 per cent of its shares in the hands of the public.

The suspension of Estate Finance, a property and share-dealing company, looks set to be the first in a clampdown on listed companies that are more than 75 per cent held by main shareholders.

According to a stock exchange spokesman, there are more than 10 such companies and the listing committee is "studying each case on its merits."

Some companies, such as Ka Wah Bank and Hong Kong Telecommunications, are special cases, he said.

Ka Wah Bank was rescued from collapse in 1986 when CITIC, a Peking-backed corporation, took a 92 per cent stake. It has been told it must reduce its holding to 75 per cent by the end of June, and last week CITIC cut it back to 84 per cent by placing shares with an institutional investor.

Hong Kong Telecommunications was floated on the exchange early this year as a holding company that merged the two Hong Kong subsidiaries of Cable and Wireless.

After the flotation, Cable and Wireless still controls 80 per cent of the shares, while the Hong Kong government owns 11 per cent.

However, underwriters have now been appointed to sell off 11 per cent of the communications company, the largest company on the Crown Colony's exchange, to the public.

The stock exchange spokesman said Estate Finance had been approached in September last year and told to comply with the 75 per cent limit.

Tan Sri Khoo and his family jointly own about 60 per cent of Estate Finance's share capital, while the National Bank of Brunei, which is controlled by the Brunei government, owns 30 per cent.

But the shares, which were worth HK$2.05 before the stock market crash, are now worth just 86 cents, and it appears the main shareholders are not willing sellers at that price.

Acquisition helps CI to double profits

By Martin Waller

CI Group, the acquisition-hungry engineer formerly known as Cooper Industries, saw pretax profits double to £3.01 million in the year to end-January from £1.5 million previously.

The result was boosted by a £700,000 contribution from Bipel, the rubber moulding machinery maker purchased last August.

Organic profits growth was 18 per cent, held back by a £300,000 trading loss from the Meads Cooper mechanical handling subsidiary, said Mr Cedric Grew, the managing director. This division had since been reorganized and was now trading profitably.

Group turnover rose from £34.48 million to £39.16 million.

A final dividend of 0.85p increases the year's total to 1.375p, from 1.05p the previous year.

Trading across the group in the present year was buoyant, said Mr Grew, and all companies enjoyed good order levels.

The heavy acquisition programme would continue, he pledged, and predicted at least one large acquisition and a couple of smaller "bolt-ons" each year.

Several minor deals were pending, but CI was not talking to anyone of any size.

The contribution from Bipel, which formerly traded on the Unlisted Securities Market and was purchased for £18.4 million, was in line with expectations. Sales to American customers remained high.

CI has close links with fellow engineer Evered Holdings. Mr Ahmed Abdullah, the elder brother of the two joint chairmen at Evered, has a 10 per cent stake, and the CI non-executive chairman, Mr Roy Kettle, is a full-time Evered board member.

Ward Group rises 31.5% to £4.3m

By Our City Staff

The Ward Group, the Yorkshire building components and structural steel company, saw pretax profits rise by 31.5 per cent in 1987, its first full year as a quoted company, from £3.28 million to £4.31 million.

The improvement came in all areas of the group's business, said Mr Nigel Forsyth, the chief executive, although three companies were still being developed last year and made little contribution.

Turnover grew by 27.5 per cent to £75.14 million. The final dividend of 2.8p gives a total for the year of 4.3p, against a notional 3.7p in 1986.

Last year saw further expansion into Europe with the purchase of the Belgian company Chamebel. As a result, this year about half the turnover and a minimum 25 per cent of pretax profits would flow from the Continent.

Cash balances of £3.14 million at the end of last year were clipped by £1 million with the completion of the Chamebel purchase, and another £6 million is budgeted for capital spending this year.

The group should still be cash-positive at year-end, and it has additional loan financing in place worth £15 million and 7 million unissued shares to fund future acquisitions, said Mr Forsyth.

"We feel we have the group structure, control systems and administration now to take on another sizeable business, but we have nothing planned in the immediate future."

With profits due from the new businesses this year, analysts are looking for anything up to £6 million pretax for 1988.

GPT video agreement

GEC Plessey Telecommunications, GPT, has signed an agreement with the American Telephone and Telegraph Company for ATT to sell its video conferencing equipment for use on ATT networks.

GEC began making the video codecs seven years ago and has about a quarter of the US market, estimated at $30 million (£16 million) a year, Mr Alan Pinnegar, sales and marketing manager at GPT, said.

The video systems business, with turnover of about $15 million in the year to March 31, became part of GPT on its formation this month.

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Profits up at Walker Greenbank

By Joe Joseph

Walker Greenbank, the industrial mini-conglomerate led by Sir Anthony Jolliffe, the former Lord Mayor of London, is planning to strengthen its grip on the growing market for medicare products as part of its move from mechanical engineering to consumer-related areas.

"Our target is to hit £50 million of turnover in medicare products within five years," said Sir Anthony.

Pretax profits rose 42.3 per cent to £11.1 million, on sales of £93.3 million, in the year to end-January, he reported. A final dividend of 1.75p (1.5p), makes 2.25p for the year.

"Last year was one of consolidation, preparing ourselves to go forward in specific areas — supermarket and store fitting; wall coverings, where we have 56 per cent of the contract wall coverings business in the UK and that business is expanding rapidly; and Wilcomatic," he said.

"At the same time we entered a new area, medicare, which is not bringing in a great deal but we see it as a tremendous growth area.

"The net reorganization costs accounted for £1.5 million out of a total extraordinary cost of £2.1 million.

Protection for deposits payout leaps

The Deposit Protection Board paid out £1.3 million to depositors in failed deposit-taking institutions in the year to the end of February, compared with £720,000 in the previous year.

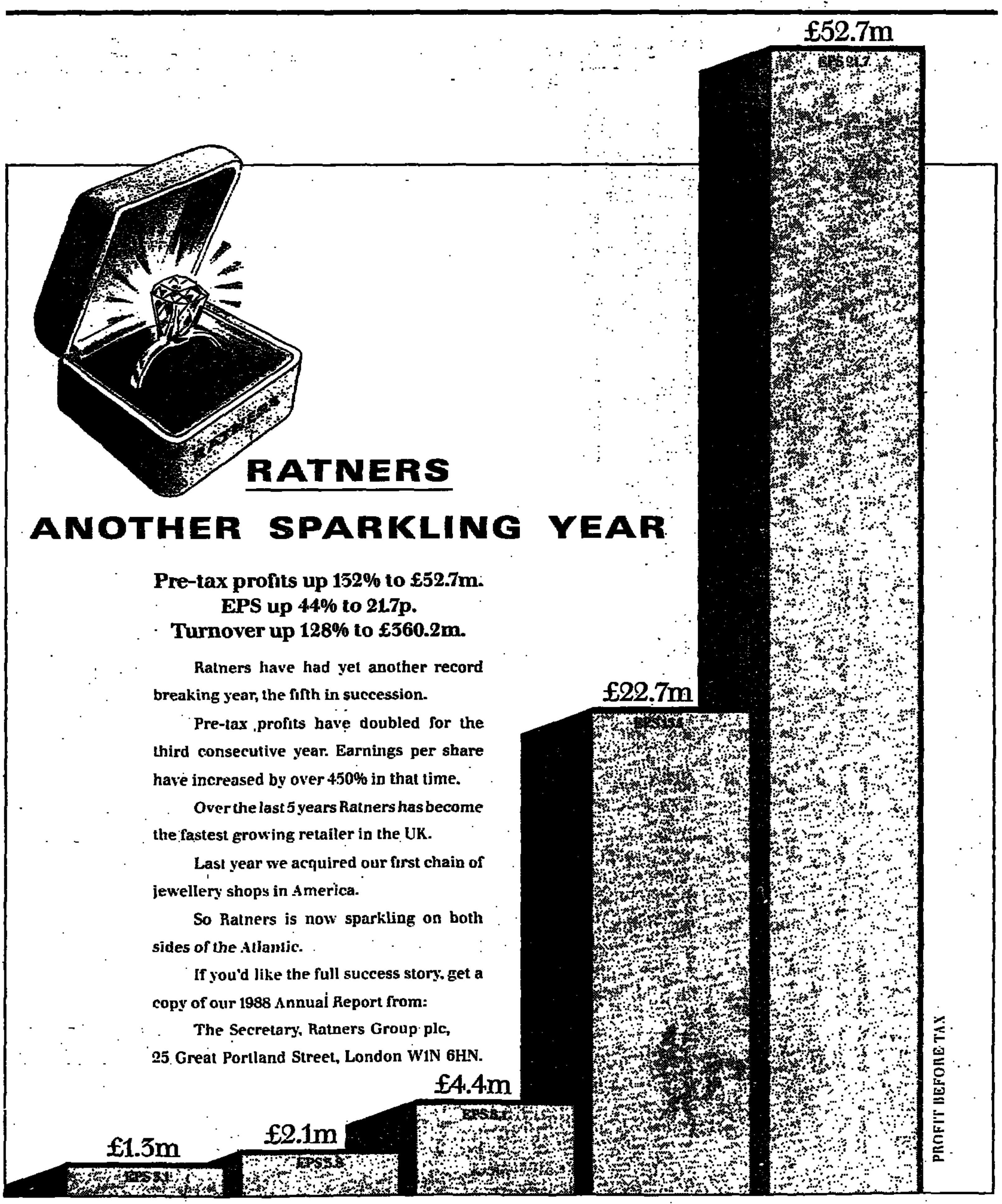
More than £500,000 of the total was paid to depositors with Consumer Credit Investments.

The board ran a deficit of £835,000 for the year, but this does not include recoveries from liquidators, which rose from £123,000 to £378,000.

The fund ended with a balance of £4.8 million.

BASE LENDING RATES

ABN	8.00%
Adam & Company	8.00%
BCCI	8.00%
Consolidated Crds	8.00%
Co-operative Bank	8.00%
C. Hoare & Co	8.00%
Hong Kong & Shanghai	8.00%
Lloyds Bank	8.00%
Nat Westminster	8.00%
Royal Bank of Scotland	8.00%
TSB	8.00%
Citibank NA	8.00%



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£5m Ewart call after cold store acquisition

By Martin Waller

Ewart, the Belfast property developer formerly known as Ewart New Northern, has acquired West Kent Cold Storage in a deal which gives the vendors a 31 per cent stake in the enlarged company.

At the same time Ewart, whose shares were suspended on Friday pending the reorganization, is making a one-for-one rights issue at 125p to raise about £5.75 million, as much as £5 million of which will go to repay West Kent's bank debts.

Ewart is paying £6 million, in the form of 4.8 million new shares at the rights issue price, for the cold storage operation, which will continue to operate pending future development.

The development — probably residential in the main — will be near Sevenoaks, Kent, close to the M25.

The deal, which already has the support of the two largest shareholders speaking for more than 30 per cent of the company, will be put to an extraordinary meeting on May 18. The shares are likely to remain suspended until then.

If it goes through, Mr Ross Reed, a Northern Ireland accountant who controls the cold storage company, will have a 24 per cent stake

Lone rebel to declare war on Abbey's plan for a flotation

By Maria Scott

Mr Alexander Sandison, a retired scientific librarian, hopes to lead a mutiny against the Abbey National Building Society's plans to become a public company.

Mr Sandison, aged 73, intends to ask directors of the society at its annual meeting in London today to abandon the idea. Alternatively, he believes, members ought to be consulted about whether they want their society to convert before the Abbey goes through the costly exercise of deciding how this will be done.

To convert, the society must secure a 75 per cent vote in favour from 20 per cent of the 4.5 million investors eligible to vote on the formal resolution, when it is eventually tabled. This is still many months away. It must also obtain a majority in a separate ballot of borrowers. In total it will have to muster support from almost 1 million people, not exactly a pushover, it believes.

But Mr Sandison fears it will go through "on the nod" and he argues that opinions should be canvassed now.

"It is going to cost them a lot of money to work out the legal implications of the change and that money is wasted if this is not what the members want."

Doubts about societies diversifying: Alexander Sandison (Photograph: Paul Lovelace)

Mr Sandison's campaign is at an early stage but he says he will develop it if he has a good response from other members after the meeting.

Building societies were set up by working people during the industrial revolution to finance the building and buying of homes. The idea was not to make a profit but to provide a service and Mr Sandison objects to the departure from this aim.

Today he plans to raise questions about how the priorities of the society's managers would change if they were responsible to shareholders rather than members. He suggests that interest rates charged to investors and those charged to borrowers might become less favourable because of the need to satisfy shareholders with dividends.

Ideally, he says, he would have tabled a special resolution against the plan to convert but the deadline for doing so had passed by the time the Abbey announced its plan.

Mr Sandison is not among the thousands of people who have applied for one of the Abbey's new current accounts, and he does not have an Abbeylink cash card.

He has grave doubts about the diversification of societies into new areas. "I don't think you can run a 100-yard race, run a marathon and do a high jump simultaneously."

Mr John Ellis, the secretary and general manager of the Abbey, argues that there would be no point in putting the idea of conversion to members at this stage because the society needs to do a lot more work on the mechanics of conversion so that it can put forward a full proposal.

"We have carried out some market reseach among members and most would welcome conversion if it meant more services. But by putting a general proposal, it raises more questions than it answers."

Mr Ellis says there have been letters from other members objecting to the idea of conversion but "we haven't had anything like as many as we thought we would get."

This is the first time Mr Sandison has raised his voice publicly against a large financial institution. However, he is not entirely green when it comes to campaigning.

In the Sixties, when the rail system was being drastically pruned under Dr Richard Beeching, Mr Sandison helped lead a campaign against closure of a commuter line on the southern outskirts of London.

"I get involved when I think people are acting foolishly," he says. The Abbey should note that the campaign for the Woodside-Sanderstead line was successful and it stayed open another 15 years.

Opec's aim 'is to prop up prices'

From Our Correspondent, Vienna

Mr Rilwanu Lukman, the president of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, said on the eve of an extraordinary meeting with non-Opec producers that the meeting's primary goal would be to prop up oil prices.

The lasting stability in the oil markets was also of vital importance, he said.

Mr Lukman criticized Britain for not co-operating with Opec producers. But he denied that he had snubbed Mr Cecil Parkinson, the Secretary of State for Energy, while in London. Mr Lukman said he would be pleased to meet Mr Parkinson in London in the future.

Opec's five-member pricing committee of ministers from Nigeria, Saudi Arabia, Algeria, Indonesia and Venezuela met yesterday before planned evening sessions with the seven non-Opec members.

Oil analysts said speculation about a "super cartel" was greatly exaggerated. They said it was more likely that a modest step of production cuts by Opec and non-Opec producers would be approved. This, by some estimates, would amount to an aggregate 500,000 barrels per day.

Mr Fergus Macleod, an analyst, with Barclays de Zoete Wedd, said: "I don't think any agreement here is likely to be very major." Mr Macleod said any accord would probably be built to last until the June 8 regular meeting of the 13 Opec members, then reviewed and possibly expanded.

The aim of Opec clearly is to stabilize the oil market, which has waxed from a brief high of $41 per barrel in 1980 to a wane of about $15 per barrel in recent months.

ALPHA STOCKS

	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000
ADT	984	Coats	1,730	Land Sec	792	Royal Ins	1,458
Abbey	1,014	CU	705	Laporte	140	Saatchi	619
Alld-Lyons	3,232	Cons Gold	764	L&G	299	Sainsbury	977
Amstrad	452	Cookson	435	Lloyds	736	Scot & N	632
ASDA	4,463	Courtaulds	6,815	Lonrho	2,566	Sears	293
AB Foods	558	Dalgety	241	Lucas	968	Sedgwick	1,096
Argyll	749	Dee	3,772	Magnet	151	Shell	1,395
BAA	10,692	Dixons	438	M&S	2,168	Smith & N	5,326
BET	2,242	ECC	1,745	Maxwell Cm	294	Smith WH	634
BTR	929	Enterprise	1,386	MEPC	262	Smiths Ind	n/a
BAT	1,359	Ferranti	2,615	Metal Box	476	STC	277
Barclays	3,136	Fisons	2,537	Midland	1,494	Stan Chart	571
Bass	596	FKI Babck	n/a	NatWest	1,357	Storehse	1,394
Beecham	2,123	Gen Acc	487	Next	158	Sun Allnce	419
Beazer	1,797	GEC	2,631	Nth Food	2,716	T & N	11
Berisfd SW	n/a	Glaxo	1,571	P&O	451	Tarmac	1,694
BICC	22	Globe Inv	194	Pearl	223	Tate & Lyle	183
Blue Arrow	9,825	Glynwed	n/a	Pearson	131	TSB	3,464
Blue Circle	1,189	Granada	1,571	Pilkington	5,532	Tesco	413
BOC	1,248	Grand Met	1,377	Plessey	1,119	Thorn EMI	1,215
Boots	1,380	GUS 'A'	255	Prudential	555	Trafalgar	549
BPB	2,504	GRE	136	Racal	5,012	THF	935
Br Aero	1,375	GKN	1,118	Rk Hovis	3,356	Ultramar	731
Br Airways	1,106	Guinness	903	Rank	187	Unigate	990
Br Comm	454	Hamm 'A'	253	R&C	1,552	Unilever	3,327
Br Gas	3,200	Hanson	2,709	Redland	361	United Bis	7,975
Br Petrol	3,330	Hawker	225	Reed	559	Utd News	825
Br Telecm	4,686	Hillsdown	1,019	Reuters	937	Wellcome	898
Britoil	39	IMI	193	RMC Gp	135	Whitbrd	1,708
Bunzl	338	ICI	1,972	RTZ	2,918	Williams	1,433
Burmah	1,471	Inchcape	104	R-Royce	4,786	Willis Fab	89
Burton	1,012	Jaguar	333	Rothmn 'B'	505	Wimpey G	1,518
C&W	3,361	Lasmo	3,187	Rowntree	26,095	Woolworth	1,290
Cadbury	25,644	Ladbroke	455	Royal Bank	85	Equities page 28	

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
April 18	April 29	July 14	July 25

Call options were taken out on: 26/4/88 Helical Bar, Kwik Save, Camford Eng., RHP, Hard Rock Intnl, GM Firth, Corporate Estate, Time Products, Blacks Leisure, Eagle Trust, African Lakes, Charterhall, De Beers, BOMS.
Puts & Calls: Helical Bar, Adwest.

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES

Acre Oil	185 −1
Archer (AJ) (130p)	160
BWD (95p)	94
Brit Pet P/P	77½ +3
Central Motor (80p)	99 +1
Dagenham Motors	116
Dudley Jenkins (85p)	107 +1
Freeman Gp	220 +2
Gardner (DC)	151
Handley Walker	143 +2
Holders Tech (140p)	143 +2
Hughes (HT)	76
Inshops (52p)	81
MTL Instruments	75 +1
Merc Manf New	81
Micrelec	123 +2
Moorfield Est	126
Morris Ashby (90p)	93
Pennine Optical	49
Printech	82 −3
Psion	125 +4
Reflex Inv	80
Reliable Props	£16½ +1
Resort Hotels (14p)	18½ +½
Selective Ass	73 −1
TGI (130p)	133
Total Systems	85
UK Paper (135p)	139
Vosper Thorny (160p)	178
West Trust	38

RIGHTS ISSUES

Astra N/P	4
Bk of Ireland N/P	59
Compsoft N/P	11
F&H N/P	40
Lucas N/P	27 +3
Power Corp N/P	24 +3
SD-Scicon N/P	18 −1
Tootal N/P	1¾ +½
West Trust N/P	33
Wickes N/P	31 −2

(Issue price in brackets).

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Jul	Oct	Jan	Jul	Oct	Jan
Alld Lyon (*401)	360	50	57	-	8	12	-
	390	27	38	45	20	23	28
	420	15	25	33	35	40	43
Bass (*840)	800	63	87	100	18	30	40
	850	37	58	72	45	50	67
	900	17	38	45	78	85	97
Brit Air (*159)	140	24	27	30	4	7	9
	160	9	15	18	13	15	19
	180	3	7	10	29	29	30
Brit Com (*261)	280	18	25	28	22	25	30
	300	8	18	20	30	35	40
	330	4	12	-	55	58	-
Brit Gas (*175)	170	13	17½	-	6	10½	-
	180	8	11	17	11½	16	18
	200	2½	5	10	27	30	32
BP (*274)	240	41	45	-	4	7½	-
	260	26	31	38	7	14	18
	280	14	20	28	17	23	27
Britoil (*515)	460	70	77	-	3	6	-
	500	35	45	-	8	15	-
Cons Gold (*913)	850	125	165	-	34	65	-
	900	95	130	160	55	95	105
	950	73	105	135	90	120	135
Courtauld (*367)	300	69	73	-	5	9	-
	330	47	55	64	14	20	26
	360	29	37	45	25	35	42
	390	16	-	-	45	-	-
Com Union (*332)	300	42	48	53	6	12	17
	330	23	28	33	16	23	28
	360	12	17	22	35	42	45
C & W (*323)	300	40	48	58	11	17	23
	330	20	33	42	23	32	40
	360	10	21	30	45	50	58
GEC (*154)	140	20	22	26	4	7	9
	160	6½	10½	14	12	17	20
	180	2½	4½	-	29	31	-
GKN (*296)	280	33	38	45	9	15	18
	300	19	27	34	17	25	30
	330	8	15	23	36	42	47
Grand Met (*481)	420	75	83	-	5	10	-
	460	45	55	67	14	22	27
	500	21	33	45	31	40	45
	550	7	16	-	72	75	-
ICI (*983)	950	85	102	128	35	57	67
	1000	57	77	103	60	83	90
	1050	37	-	-	88	-	-
	1100	22	42	-	132	145	-
Jaguar (*278)	260	32	40	48	8	13	18
	280	20	28	37	17	23	28
	300	11	19	28	30	35	42
Land Sec (*566)	500	75	85	95	9	14	18
	550	38	53	65	20	30	35
	600	14	28	37	50	55	62
M & S (*180)	160	23	27	30	4	6	8
	180	10	15	19	10	15	18
	200	4	9	12	27	29	31
R-Royce (*114)	100	18	21	24	2½	5	6
	110	11	15	18	6	8½	11
	120	5½	9	13	12	13	17
STC (*243)	220	32	38	44	5	10	13
	240	18	27	34	13	19	22
	260	11	18	25	25	30	32
Sainsbury (*242)	220	26	32	36	5	8	12
	240	15	20	24	14	17	21
	260	6	10	14	26	32	36
Shell (*1060)	1000	105	125	153	25	42	50
	1050	75	-	-	42	-	-
	1100	47	72	100	70	86	93
Storehse (*274)	240	45	52	-	10	17	-
	260	32	40	48	18	27	33
	280	23	30	38	30	37	42
Trafalgar (*329)	300	33	45	50	7	12	17
	330	18	25	30	20	25	30
	360	8	14	19	42	45	50
TSB (*102)	100	7½	9	12	5	7	9
	110	3	5	7	12	13	15
	120	1½	3	-	21	22	-
Ultramar (*274)	240	44	50	57	4½	9	12
	260	29	36	45	10	16	18½
	280	17½	25	35	20	25	28
Woolworth (*289)	260	35	40	45	8	17	18
	280	23	30	35	20	27	30
	300	13	18	25	33	40	40

	Series	Jun	Sep	Dec	Jun	Sep	Dec
Amstrad (*158)	140	23	30	33	4	7	10
	160	11	19	22	11	15	17
	180	4	11	13	26	27	28
Barclays (*437)	420	32	43	52	12	22	28
	460	11	22	35	33	47	50
	500	2½	11	18	67	77	80
Beecham (*465)	420	52	62	72	4½	14	20
	460	23	37	47	17	31	36
	500	9	21	28	45	56	60
	550	2	-	-	92	-	-
Boots (*227)	200	29	35	39	3	7	10
	220	15	21	27	10	18	29
	240	5	12	19	20	27	30
BTR (*247)	240	19	27	32	9	14	17
	260	6	16	22	19	28	30
	280	2½	8	14	37	42	42
Blue Circ (*425)	420	23	42	52	17	27	36
	460	9	22	32	43	50	60
	500	4	11	18	78	80	87
Dixons (*176)	160	22	28	32	4	8	10
	180	10	16	22	14	17	20
	200	4	10	12	28	32	32

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Jun	Sep	Dec	Jun	Sep	Dec
Glaxo (*947)	950	47	85	100	40	57	72
	1000	23	62	77	72	87	100
	1050	11	42	-	110	123	-
	1100	6	30	44	160	165	167
Hanson (*127)	120	10½	15	18½	2½	6½	8
	130	4½	10	13	7½	11	12
	140	2	6	9	15	17	19
	160	½	2	4	34	34½	35
Hawker (*472)	460	23	38	48	20	28	37
	500	7	20	28	47	50	60
	550	2	10	17	95	98	103
Lonrho (*214)	189	28	31	35	3	6	7½
	206	15	20	25	6	12	13
	223	5½	11	16	15	21	28
	240	2½	6	-	29	33	-
Midland (*383)	360	35	47	52	7	17	22
	390	13	28	35	20	35	40
	420	7	15	23	42	55	60
Sears (*133)	120	16	20	23	3	7	9
	130	8	15	17	8	12	13
	140	4½	9	13	14	17	19
Tesco (*155)	140	18	24	28	3	6	8
	160	6	13	18	11	15	18
	180	3	6	9	28	30	32
Thorn EMI (*612)	500	120	132	-	2	8	-
	550	75	93	102	4	20	27
	600	35	55	67	18	35	47
	650	15	28	39	52	67	77
THF (*234)	220	20	28	34	4	10	13
	240	8	17	23	13	20	23
	260	3	10	12	30	35	38
Unilever (*465)	460	25	45	55	17	27	34
	500	9	26	36	40	50	55
	550	2	12	-	88	88	-
Wellcome (*466)	420	59	80	91	8	20	27
	460	33	57	68	22	37	43
	500	17	38	52	46	58	65

	Series	May	Aug	Nov	May	Aug	Nov
BAA (*110)	100	14	21	30	4	11	12
	110	8	15	25	6½	16	17
	120	4	11	18	13	20	22
Brit Aero (*408)	330	80	90	97	1	5	9
	360	52	67	75	2½	9	18
	390	26	45	55	6	18	28
	420	8	27	40	19	32	42
BAT Ind (*419)	390	35	50	-	3	13	-
	420	13	32	43	13	25	33
	460	4	16	27	43	50	57
	500	2	8	17	83	87	92
Brit Tele (*246)	220	29	34	41	1	6	9
	240	11	18	27	4½	13	16
	260	2½	9	15	16	25	26
Cadbury (*331)	260	73	82	91	1	4	7
	280	54	65	72	2	6	12
	300	35	48	58	5	12	18
Guinness (*297)	260	40	-	55	1	-	9
	280	23	-	40	3	-	18
	300	8	-	28	10	-	27
Ladbroke (*409)	300	112	113	-	1	1½	-
	330	82	83	90	1	3	6
	360	52	55	63	1	8	14
LASMO (*366)	260	88	88	105	1	5	10
	300	68	73	87	2	8	15
	330	38	53	68	6	16	25
Pilkington (*218)	200	22	25	33	3	11	14
	220	6	13	21	11	20	26
	240	2	7	11	27	33	38
	260	1	3½	-	45	46	-
Plessey (*156)	140	21	26	32	2½	8	11
	160	7	14	22	9	17	21
	180	3	7½	14	24	31	34
P & O (*580)	550	40	57	65	9	20	25
	600	9	30	40	30	44	57
	650	3	15	25	75	82	90
Prudential (*804)	800	27	63	78	20	38	53
	850	6	40	55	60	65	80
	900	3	23	37	100	105	115
Racal (*237)	200	40	47	54	1	5	10
	220	23	32	42	4	12	15
	240	10	21	29	11	22	27
RTZ (*380)	300	85	93	-	2	7	-
	330	56	68	77	3	15	20
	360	25	45	55	9	28	32
	380	14	-	-	17	-	-
Vaal Reefs (*85)	80	9	12	15	3	6	8
	90	3	8	10	8	13	14
	100	1½	4½	7	17	20	22
Tr 12% 1995 (*113)	110	2 9/16	2 9/16	2⅜	7/32	9/16	1 5/32
	112	23/32	1 3/16	1½	19/32	1 7/16	2⅜
	114	3/16	½	21/32	1⅝	2⅜	3⅝
	116	1/16	3/16	7/16	3⅜	4⅜	5
Tr 11¾% 03/07 (*119)	114	4¾	-	-	½	-	-
	116	2⅝	-	-	11/32	-	-
	118	1⅜	-	-	1 1/16	-	-
	120	23/32	-	-	2 1/32	-	-
	122	1/32	-	-	3⅜	-	-

FT-SE INDEX (*1794)

Series	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Apr	May	Jun	Jul
1650	148	158	172	185	1	9	18	26
1700	95	113	132	145	1½	17	27	36
1750	47	73	95	110	5	28	49	53
1800	10	43	65	80	19	50	65	75
1850	1	20	43	57	63	80	93	103
1900	½	11	25	40	113	122	130	136
1950	½	6	15	27	168	165	167	173

April 26, 1988 Total: 30986 Calls 20037 Puts 10949 FT-SE: Calls 1513 Puts 1771

*Underlying security price.

General Accident

Responding to the challenge of a rapidly changing marketplace.

The Rt Hon The Earl of Airlie, KT, GCVO, PC, who was elected chairman of General Accident Fire & Life Assurance Corporation plc on the retirement of Mr Gordon Simpson in May 1987.

In his first Annual Statement to shareholders, Lord Airlie pays tribute to his predecessor and expresses his sincere thanks to all members of staff for their contribution to the Corporation's achievements in a year in which record profits were produced. He also outlines some of the ways in which General Accident is contributing to the general wellbeing of the communities in which it operates.

Commenting on current trading conditions, Lord Airlie says that the Corporation is seeking to make a progressive and innovative response to a marketplace which is changing rapidly, a commitment which is expressed through the group's new corporate identity introduced earlier this year.

Lord Airlie concludes his remarks by expressing confidence in the future: "I believe the Corporation is well placed to meet the challenges and opportunities that face us in the coming years and with an excellent management team in place I have little doubt that the Corporation's record of progress will continue," he tells shareholders.

The general improvement in conditions reported last year has been maintained and, as more realistic underwriting attitudes prevail, further progress has been achieved.

It is to be hoped that the appalling experience of recent years will serve to deter those who may view current profitability as an irresistible invitation to relax the discipline on which the progress now being achieved has been based. Recent events in financial markets worldwide will have underlined, opportunely, the speciousness of the cash-flow underwriting philosophy.

RESULTS £M	1987	1986
General Premiums	2,169	2,184
Investment Income	299	297
Underwriting Loss	(98)	(180)
Life Profits	11.5	10.4
Pre-Tax Profit	204.4	123.2
Attributable Profit	161.2	110.8
Earnings per Share	86.2p	60.5p
Dividend per Share	35p	28p
Assets per Share*	896p	1,091p

*Excluding the value of long-term business

UNITED KINGDOM

The improvement in underwriting performance was maintained in most major accounts, despite the effects of two exceptional weather disasters, and the underlying trend in the UK is positive.

On the Motor accounts, rating increases and firm underwriting reduced the deficit substantially but action to achieve further improvement will continue. Record weather losses on the Homeowners' account make further rate increases inevitable.

A significant contribution to income is anticipated from our investment into estate agencies.

The Corporation has maintained its close cooperation with the Department of Transport in the Road Safety Campaign launched in September 1986. Our aim is to encourage the public, be they drivers, pedestrians or transport users, to think in terms of road safety. We welcome the continued support of the Department, the Police and Road Safety Officers in this important work.

UNITED STATES

We have produced a record operating result and we remain committed to the achievement of further underwriting progress.

EUROPE

A notable advance in results from Europe reflects improvements in the majority of territories.

CANADA

A further satisfactory operating result has been achieved but market conditions are expected to become more difficult.

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26	Sycamore	Industrials S-Z	
27	Drummond	Textiles	
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29	Brixton	Property	
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31	AAH	Industrials A-D	
32	Hepworth Ceramic	Industrials E-K	
33	Atwoods	Building,Roads	
34	Sandell Perkins	Building,Roads	
35	Bradford	Property	
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37	Kelsey Ind	Industrials E-K	
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39	Lucas (aa)	Motors,Aircraft	
40	Dawson	Textiles	
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MEDIA & MARKETING

Adding colour to the weekend

OPINION

Dennis Hackett

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Next week the *Daily Mail* will provide its readers with a national, web-offset, colour tabloid supplement. The *Daily Express* sees this as a response to its monthly Saturday supplement, *dx*, which first appeared on March 26 (though only in the Thames and Television South areas) and took a second bow last Saturday.

The *Mail's* decision was first predicted by Andrew Cameron, the *Express* managing director. He said that the *Mail* tabloid would be "imitative", of the same size as *Campaign*, the trade paper, and would be selling advertisements at £20,000 a page.

Imitative is a word he should perhaps have avoided. Nick Lloyd, editor of the *Express* and *dx*, had already attributed *dx*'s inspiration to a fashion magazine, *W*. In the event, the size of *dx* was the main similarity, though both represent the publish-and-be-bland syndrome, which assumes that the upper reaches of the socio-economic market are concerned only with polishing their leather Filofaxes, plotting to displace their immediate superiors, or keeping up with new trends.

Even in this respect, *dx* seemed like a tap-dancer playing Hamlet. Its two pages on the glitterati, for whom ABC1 under-40s are judged to have an insatiable appetite, appeared to aspire to *You* magazine's weekly spread of celebrity pictures, "Headliners". Indeed, *dx* seemed indebted to that magazine for one or two other titles.

There is no reason, you may think, why colour sections should be left to Sunday papers. But for groups such as the Express Newspapers and Associated, there is the consideration that colour advertising is not unlimited, and diverting it to a Saturday supplement would probably affect the Sunday product. There are also Sunday supplements coming from *The People* and the *Sunday Mirror*, and hectic activity in the magazine field, where new launches have increased competition for advertising. The arrival of *Today* has also helped provoke the stampede to colour.

All these factors, even without the intrusion of the *Mail*, would have hampered *dx's* ambition to go national. The first issue did not indicate enthusiastic response from advertising: out of 16 pages three were for film advertising and one page for opera. These are unlikely to have attracted the full rate of £5,000 a page and would certainly be absent on a national magazine.

The bravura so far for Saturday colour has come from the *Express*. Associated points out that the *Mail* has produced nine supplements since October 10. These have been somewhat disparaged by *Express* spokesmen as too tightly targeted to advertising, but may be more financially beneficial.

The *Mail's* May 7 supplement, *Male and Femail*, indicates a change of direction, obviously planned to embarrass the *Express*. In addition to its established position as middle-market leader, the *Mail* has the advantage of having seen *dx*. It is hard to imagine how the *Express* could have failed to appreciate that Associated would make a massive response. *Dx's* softly softly policy must now be under urgent review.

It is likely that Lord Stevens, festooned with financial roles but with a publishing reputation not yet established, will find a toe-to-toe less enjoyable than Lord Rothermere and Sir David English.

Meanwhile, journalists hopeful of improving their own socio-economic position should note that neither paper has augmented its staff. Money will be tight in the Saturday colour explosion.

Dennis Hackett is a publishing consultant and former magazine and newspaper editor.

TV's future in close-up

Antony Rouse reports on ITN's plans to use the latest cameras, with smaller crews

Lightweight champions: the new Sony one-man operated camera (left) on trial at ITN beside the present camera

Back in 1956, when Independent Television News was no more than a lusty infant, there was the Suez invasion. Ronnie Hubbard, an ITN cameraman, was in the full flower of young manhood, and ITN said to him: "Go to Suez with Robin Day." Then they said: "Robin Day will wear a bow tie and you will wear the Vinten Visatone, not forgetting, of course, the 12 volt batteries which power the monster."

Even though Hubbard was a young man, his manly shoulders sagged a bit, because the camera equipment weighed on its own about 30 kilos. Hubbard was being asked to go into battle carrying the equivalent in weight of a 10-year-old child.

As Hubbard retires, ITN management is cooing over the latest generation of camera which it hopes to adopt. These cameras weigh about 7 kilos, the equivalent in weight of a six-month-old baby. Those in use now weigh about 11 kilos.

The new cameras eliminate the need for a sound recorder and in most cases the lighting man. The light which plugs on to the camera is about the size of a cigarette packet. They use microchips instead of glass tubes and are therefore much stronger and can withstand accidents like falling off the back of a mule in Afghanistan.

They also use special quality half-inch recording tape instead of the current three-quarter inch and can record for twice as longwithout a recharge. Using a simple lead, it can also be plugged into a television set in a hotel bedroom and replay what has been shot. In the same way, the camera can be plugged into the appropriate socket at a foreign television station and replay its stuff to the home studio via satellite. ITN say the sensitivity of the lens approaches that of the human eye.

The cost is about £20,000 a camera. The cost of camera and recorder used at the moment comes to about £33,000. ITN currently uses a reporter and a two-man crew with the occasional lighting man, and a three-man crew in places which are especially difficult like Northern Ireland.

What ITN is now proposing to the Association of Cinematograph and Television and Allied Technicians (ACTT) and the electricians' union, the EETPU, is that it will continue to use the three-man crew when it deems it necessary and continue to use two-man crews on most other assignments. For example, in a situation like the hijacked Kuwaiti airliner in Algiers, ITN would send a reporter and two technicians, but both would have a camera. This would allow one to stay watching the plane while the other could go off with the reporter to record an interview without having to worry that the major event might take place in his absence and be missed.

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The expected new dawn is still two years away – when ITN moves into its new headquarters in Gray's Inn Road, central London. Will it occur? Very probably, but there are rank and file members of the ACTT who are less than pleased at the way Bruce Gyngell, the managing director of TV-am, was able to steamroller their union.

There will probably be muffled complaints because one suspects that when covering a simple story in the London area, for example, management will increasingly say that one man is enough (which saves money), whereas the cameraman will argue that quality will suffer.

But Derek Taylor, ITN's head of operations, says that the new cameras "will do for ITN cameramen what the machine gun did for the infantry".

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Bloodshed in the BBC lobby

Political staff are the first of John Birt's targets for reform. **Kate Finch** reports.

When John Birt arrived at the BBC as Deputy Director-General last year, it was his intention to transform news and current affairs. On Monday he secured £5.3 million of extra cash for this year to help him do so. Today he will reveal how he intends to spend the money.

The key policy is more of everything: more correspondents, more current affairs programmes, more managers, more researchers. At the centre of the plan is the establishment of specialist units, to cover politics, economics, social affairs and foreign affairs. Generalists are out of favour; specialists the order of the day.

The political unit is already being formed, and the changes will be dramatic. The search is on for new blood, as this week's job advertisements in the Press reveal. Situations vacant include the jobs of managing editor (politics), chief political correspondent (television), chief political correspondent (radio), chief parliamentary correspondent, and political correspondent.

Out will go many of the old and trusted political correspondents. Brian Curtois, Rodney Foster, Noel Lewis, Peter Hill and David Coss all go to different jobs. John Cole stays – but will no longer be in charge.

The new political unit will echo the structure found in quality newspapers. Correspondents will be divided between the gallery, covering debates, and the lobby correspondents, who will concentrate on background research. Political scoops are intended to become the order of the day. "We want to lead the field by breaking more stories," says Ian Hargreaves, managing editor of news and current affairs. "We want our political analysis to be more penetrating than the analysis in newspapers."

Other plans for politics include extending the existing political research unit, established in the days of Robert MacKenzie's "election special" programmes, so that it can provide surveys and political research. Independent of the political unit will be the new Sunday lunchtime political programme, *On the Record*.

Hargreaves is the lynch-pin of the new look for news and current affairs. Aged 36, he is in the favoured Birt tradition of whiz-kid appointments. Before coming to the BBC, he spent 10 years on *The Financial Times*, as industrial reporter, transport correspondent, New York correspondent and features editor. He is now charged both with setting up the four specialist units and improving the BBC's coverage of foreign affairs. Recruiting journalists is his responsiblity. His aim is, he says, "to extend the boundaries of how well television can tell political stories".

But so far, few have been captivated by this vision. Indeed there is an air of demoralization throughout television news and current affairs.

John Birt is accused of arrogance in proclaiming that he liked nothing about the BBC on his arrival; of destroying the excellent tradition of BBC current affairs by burdensome layers of bureaucracy, and requiring programmes to be "referred up"; of casting off experienced staff without ensuring better successors, and of falsely assuming that the public is endlessly interested in serious analysis. He is also castigated for having failed to achieve concrete results after more than a year in the job.

Hargreaves maintains that such complaints will fade away. "You would expect that sort of thing in any organization that has changed as much as this one," he says. "Today's announcements will see morale start to improve. It's a tremendously exciting time."

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Selling serials like cornflakes

David Housham on the less glamorous Cannes festival: for world television

Europe's biggest television programme market, MIP-TV, which begins its annual week of hype in Cannes tomorrow, does its best. But try as it might, it never quite exudes the excitement and glamour of the film festival that follows it into town a couple of weeks later.

The ever-expanding army of MIP participants – 6,000 this year from 1,500 companies and 107 countries – stay in the same four-star hotels and pay the same larcenous bar prices as the Hollywood directors and pouting starlets. But they cannot escape turning the international exchange of television programmes into the unglamorous equivalent of a DIY hypermarket where mini-series, action-adventures, game shows and children's cartoons are sold like cultural chipboard, available by the metre.

MIP is strictly for the business pages. With typical mistimed flair the market is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year even though it is only 24 years since it arrived in Cannes. The justification for this timeslip is that it allows a big silver send-off for the inscrutable French entrepreneur, Bernard Chevry, who has maintained a powerful influence over the market he founded. Last year he sold his Midem organization, which runs a string of French media markets, for £4.9 million to Telso Communications, the commercial arm of the ITV company, Television South. It is thought that Chevry will finally step down as president of Midem after the planned gala dinner in his honour this Saturday.

Period piece for auction: John Buchan's *Hannay* (above) from Thames and Initial's *Wired*

Despite all the activity, there is not usually a great deal of actual selling at MIP – most of the big deals have been pre-arranged and are only launched on a sea of champagne to the Press at the market. MIP's chief function is as a wining, dining, flesh-pressing, palm-greasing, back-stabbing talking shop.

The new Telso organizers are promising a greater emphasis on business rather than black-tie this year. Both to reflect the growth of commercial and satellite television in Europe and to attract advertising agencies to MIP, Midem is staging a conference on barter syndication at the market.

Barter syndication involves a television channel or station obtaining programming in exchange for a slice of advertising air time. At one extreme this can amount to super-sponsorship of a most attractive kind for an advertiser: it can make its own programmes (cheaper than commercials) and advertise itself all round them.

One surprisingly eager advocate of barter syndication is BBC Enterprises, which is attending MIP with its aggressively restructured sales force. In 1987, BBC Enterprises signed £7 million worth of sales and co-production deals at MIP.

Changes in the British industry are reflected in the increasing amount of independent product being pushed by the ITV sales teams. Granada International will be selling both the complete programme and "music modules" from Channel 4's new adult rock show, *Wired*, which is produced by the independent Initial Television.

Mini-series for sale: *Sherlock Holmes* (above) and *Every Breath You Take* from Granada

Thames Television International will be pushing the British cable Children's Channel and a documentary, *Munich: A Piece of Paper*, produced by Philip Whitehead for independent Brook Productions.

The voracious, competitive commercial channels in Europe want two categories of material: reliable product in great quantity to pad out the schedules, i.e., games shows and sitcoms (which they get from America); and second, spectacle – a glitzy mini-series that can be promoted for high ratings two nights a week.

Granada International's head of sales, Wendy Stebbings, says: "People are either looking for good four-hour mini-series or 30 hours of a series, rather than the 13-hour series British TV has traditionally made."

Free for all, fair for all?

There are fears that trade barriers will lift only in theory when Europe becomes a single market, writes Carys Bowen-Jones

The approach of the single European market in 1992 has prompted the first wide-ranging review of advertising and marketing regulations in the Community. The review, by the European trade bodies of the main marketing service sectors (advertising, PR, sales promotion, direct marketing, and market research), aims to curb the expected increase in regulations, masquerading as consumer protection, as countries attempt to block the entry of foreign goods.

"Most [regulations] fulfil their given task to our general benefit as consumers, but there are some, which have little to offer the consumer, which are time-consuming, costly, and deliberately anti-market," says Alastair Tempest, director of external affairs of the European Association of Advertising Agencies, which last week presented its part of the review to the European Commission.

France, for example, bans television advertisements for overseas tourism, overseas airlines, cinemas, books, and retail outlets. Belgium imposes packaging regulations which make it difficult for foreign margarine manufacturers to import their brands. The Belgians claim margarine in oblong packs could be confused with butter.

The European Association of Advertising Agencies is also keen to remove restrictions which in their present form would make it hard for smaller manufacturers to market their goods cost-effectively in other Community states. It would be impossible to have a uniform marketing campaign across a number of countries.

"The big multinationals will always find a way round them, they have the marketing money to make the necessary changes for individual countries. But the smaller companies aren't going to be able to afford to employ a multinational advertising agency with the necessary experience," Tempest says.

In Germany, for example, so-called comparative advertising – in which a claim is made against a competitor – is illegal, and the media can be prosecuted for carrying it. Germany also puts a ceiling on the value of gifts given away with products that is roughly half that allowed by other states.

Advertisers whose television campaigns include children can at least take solace, however, in the removal of one of the more bizarre restrictions in force until some five years ago in Austria – where dwarves had to be cast instead of children.

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BYLINES

Maxwell across Europe

Mirror Group Newspapers has for the moment abandoned plans for two new daily papers: a middle-market colour broadsheet, *Newsday*, and a metropolitan free paper, *The Londoner*, although research showed that *Newsday* had a potential circulation of nearly a million.

Sources at the company say they have been dropped in favour of Robert Maxwell's latest project, an English-language European paper. A team of French newspaper designers and sub-editors has been in London for the past fortnight working on dummies for the paper, scheduled for launch in January. They are injecting a continental flavour into the original designs for *Newsday*, on which it is based. The Mirror Group's editor-in-chief, Mike Molloy, is tipped to edit the new title, which it is hoped will have a circulation in the UK and Europe of more than 200,000, with a London-based staff of 100 and a Paris office of 15 or 20.

The group yesterday announced the appointment of a new advertising agency, Gold Greenlees Trott, to try to raise the flagging sales of the *Daily Mirror*. GGT's predecessor, Young & Rubicam, will handle Mirror Group corporate advertising.

Milne speaks

The BBC Board of Governors has become more political in its complexion with the appointment of more members of "a manifestly conservative turn of mind", according to the former director-general, Alasdair Milne. "The board has a conservative look about it, its thinking tends to be conservative, and that is something I regret because it tends to play into political hands in a way that is unhealthy," he says in a BBC radio interview next month, his first since he was dismissed last year. He also discusses BBC coverage of the Falklands and the miners' strike, the *Real Lives* affair, and his own dismissal, which he describes as "outrageous".

Bit of a flyer

Sunday Sport's pursuit of what its editor, Drew Robertson, calls "alternative news" has led it to new heights. "World War 2 Bomber Found on Moon" screamed the *splash on* last Sunday's paper, while on an inside page it speculated on whether the crew could have survived, or starved to death. The story was lifted from the American *World Weekly News*, giving some substance to Robertson's *claim that the paper* doesn't actually make up its stories.

No-strike deals

Senior editorial staff joining the *Scotland on Sunday* are being asked to sign a "no-strike" agreement, something their colleagues on the new paper's daily stablemate, *The Scotsman*, have already had to do. The NUJ in London sees the move as the latest in a series designed to "de-unionize" Thomson Regional Newspapers, which has repudiated union agreements at its papers in England and Wales. At Scotsman publications, where management and unions are building bridges after a dispute last year, they are playing down the move. The NUJ in Edinburgh, which welcomes the new paper, says there are no signs of any intention to scrap the house agreement.

Briefly. . .

Staff at *Over 21* will have to wait until the end of the week to know if their jobs are safe: Spotlight Magazines is looking for a buyer for the title, which otherwise faces closure. . . Toy advertisers meet for a half-day seminar on Friday to discuss the guidelines on advertising to children amid growing pressure for a ban on toy ads. However, a recent survey found only 23 per cent of MPs want tighter controls. . . **Lindsay Taylor, the only man to get an interview with Captain Simon Hayward in his Swedish prison cell, and the first reporter on the scene at the King's Cross fire, is the *winner of this year's Sony* Reporter of the Year award. . .** Mrs Thatcher wants to remove the word "British" from the BBC, according to Tory MP Jonathan Aitken: "She made a throw-away remark to colleagues, rather like 'Who will rid me of this turbulent priest?' "

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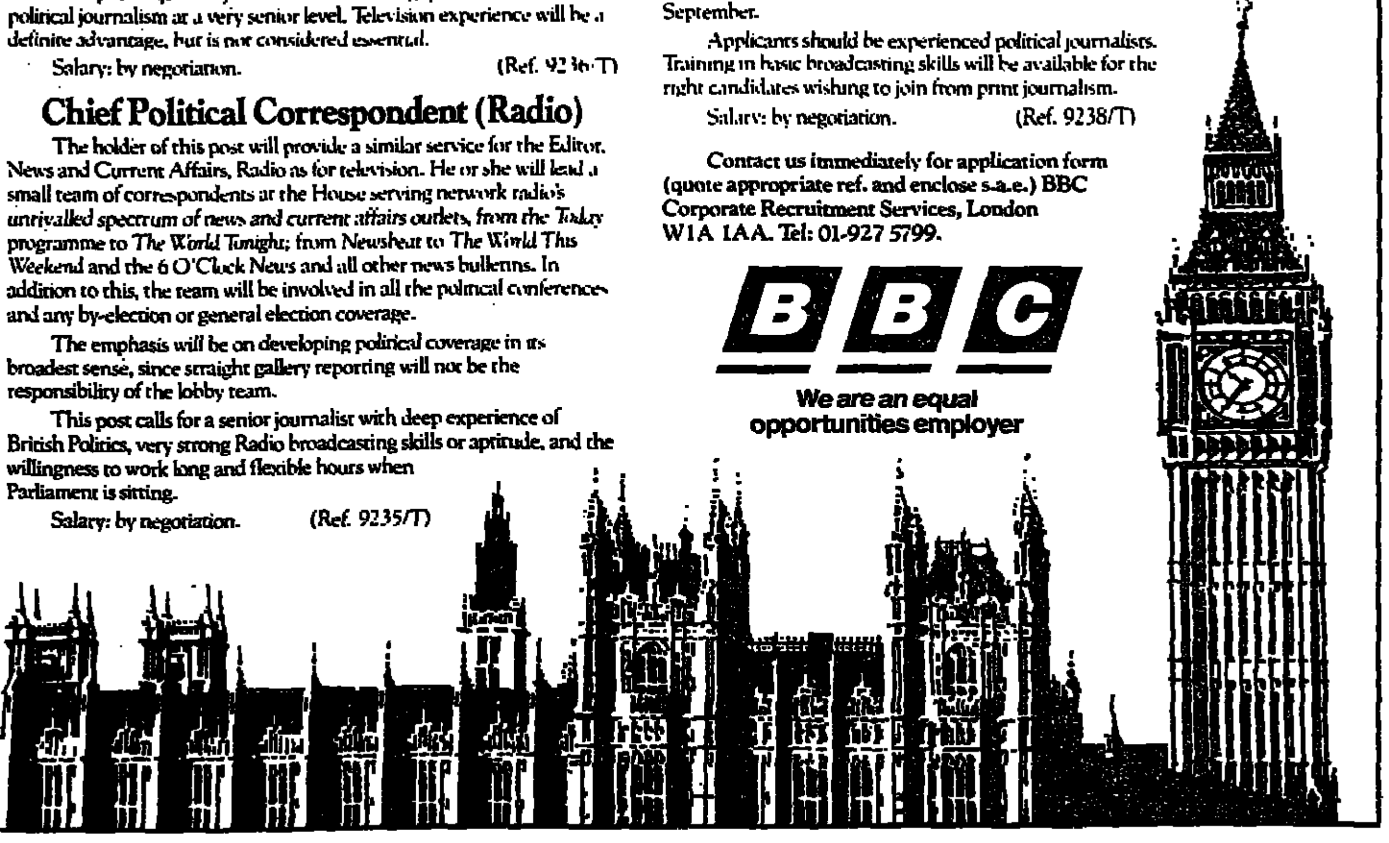

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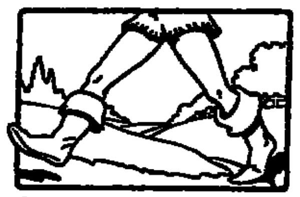

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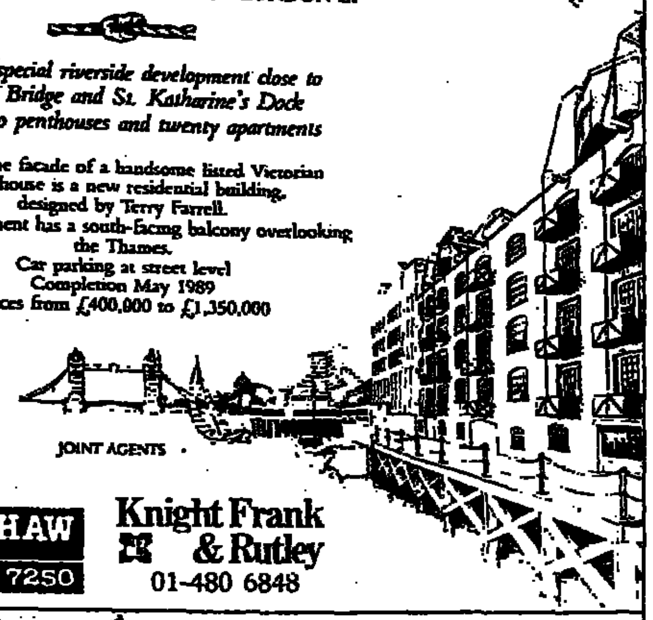

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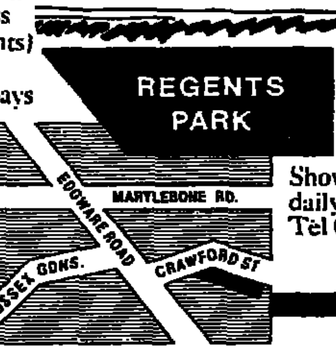

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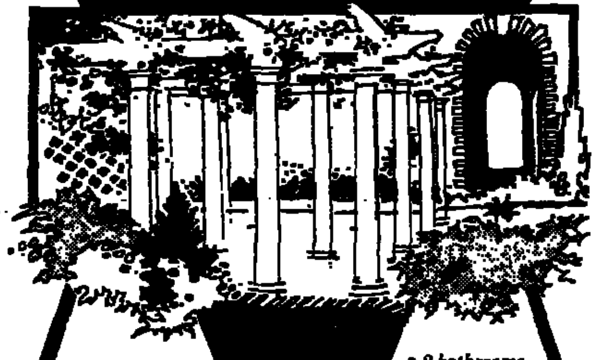

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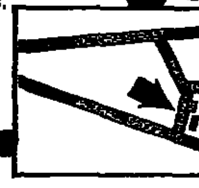

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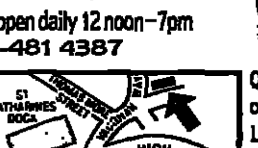

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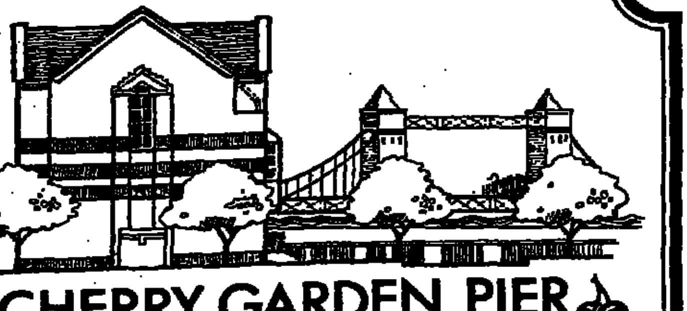

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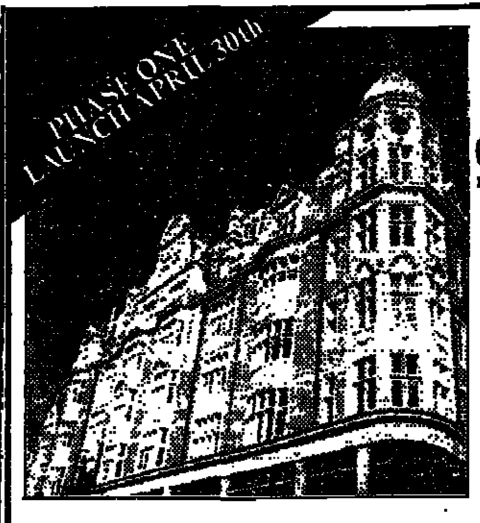

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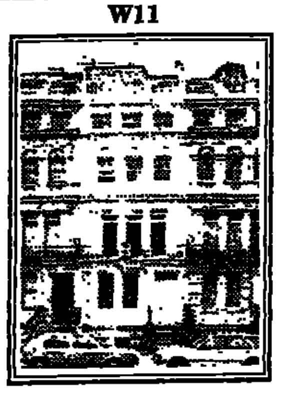

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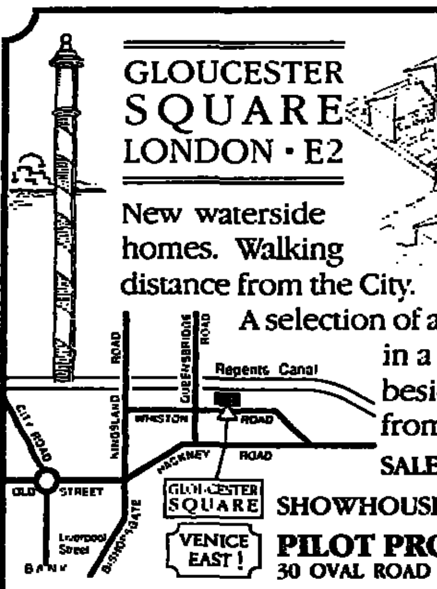

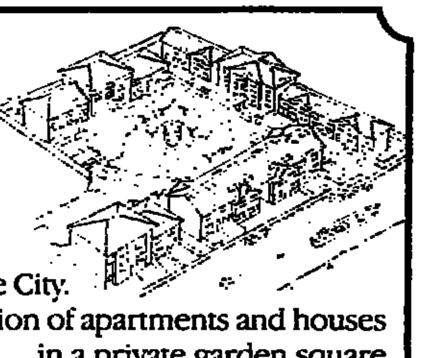

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RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY/1

London on the move

By Christopher Warman

Property Correspondent

All the experts agree that property in central London stood still and held its breath after the stock market crash of October, and most would now say that it is on the move again, but at a slower pace. There are properties that cannot sell, and this is largely because either they are too highly priced or they are in the wrong area — but the best property is still in demand.

"Where formerly there was a good deal of absurd optimism, we now see a sense of realism in the central London market," says Gary Hersham, of Beauchamp Estates.

He explains that uncertainty about the world economy has created some tension and has banished the belief that extravagent short-term gains are easy to make. Buyers are now mainly, though not exclusively, either owner-occupiers or genuine investors. "What is more, our perception is that about 80 per cent are British, with another 10 per cent resident in this country."

Mr Hersham argues that the stock market crash has had virtually no effect. "Prices have not declined, as many observers expected. It is true that some vendors have had to reduce their asking prices in order to achieve a sale, but only when optimism had led them to pitch far too high in the first place."

Falling interest rates and higher net earnings are helping to maintain demand for the good properties, such as the two-bedroom, two-bathroom quality flat. One example is a flat in Culford Gardens, Chelsea, which Beauchamp Estates has on the market at £315,000 for a 98-year lease, having originally sold it two years ago for £260,000.

The demand can be seen in new developments too, both for flats and houses. A new scheme at Roland Way, a mews in South Kensington, proves the point. This development, by Lovell Homes and Balfour Beatty Homes, is for 24 town houses in an existing — and a newly created — mews off the Old Brompton Road.

Sensitive project that keeps down the noise

It is on the site of an old garage, and was designed by the London firm Sir John Burnet Tait & Partners. It is a sensitive project in which the developers have been keen to maintain close contact with the residents, because in confined areas of a mews the noise and disturbance caused by new building causes great concern. At present the cobbled road in the mews is being replaced.

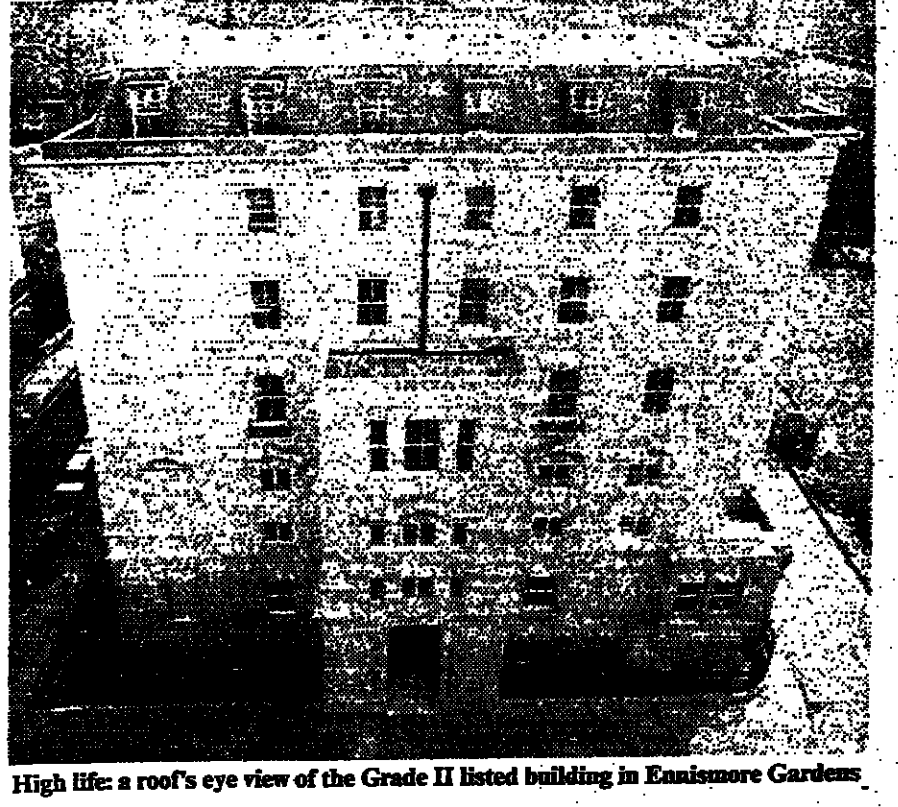
Nine of the houses are being built in the existing mews, and there are three more to come. Most of the town houses there are on four floors, giving more space than a traditional mews house. Every one of them has four bedrooms, a first-floor drawing room and a study, and a garage on the basement floor. Not all the houses have their own garage, but there is underground parking for all the other houses, controlled by high security. The houses themselves also have high security control.

There are six different designs in the houses, which have either three or four bedrooms. Most of them have separate dining rooms and studies. It is an interesting development in an attractive area and the prices range from about £450,000 to £800,000. The existing mews houses are predominantly owned as second homes or *pieds-à-terre*, and the developers expect the pattern to be repeated with the new houses.

Already four potential buyers have taken options on the first to be completed, and it is likely that the houses will go to British or European buyers, some probably as company homes. Details are available from Cluttons (01-589 1122).

New houses, too, are emerging in Redfield Lane, in an area known as Kenway Village. These are 10 homes of two, three or four bedrooms, designed, like the mews houses, to fit into their older surroundings. They are priced at £240,000 to £345,000. Details are available on 01-835 1571.

Houses are far outnumbered by flats in central London, of course, with renovation continuing almost everywhere. Nairn Construction has completed its 18-month building, renovation and conversion of No 10 Ennismore Gardens, Knightsbridge, a Grade II listed building in Victorian neo-classical style.



High life: a roof's eye view of the Grade II listed building in Ennismore Gardens

The Historic Buildings and Monuments Commission backed the scheme, which includes a completely new extension built at a cost of £250,000 with Portland stone to complete the symmetry of the original building. An extra storey has been added at roof level to create a penthouse, and the rest of the building has been converted into 10 flats.

There are now, on six floors and a basement, a four-bedroom maisonette and flats with one to four bedrooms, as well as the three-bedroom penthouse. A lift goes directly into the larger flats, and there is a porter and a television security system. The prices range from £250,000 to £675,000 for 38-year leases. The agents are Chesterfields (01-235 8008) and Callender Wright (01-581 8431).

Art deco building being restored

In an unusual redevelopment in the City of London, Regalian Properties is restoring the art deco-style building, Florin Court in Charterhouse Square, one of the few remaining private London squares, preserving much of the original design, and creating 126 studios, one-bedroom and two-bedroom apartments.

There will also be leisure facilities, including a swimming pool, a gymnasium and a large rooftop garden. Regalian is also landscaping the central gardens that were devastated in the recent storms. The prices range from £65,000 to £200,000. Details are aailable from Regalian (01-493 9613).

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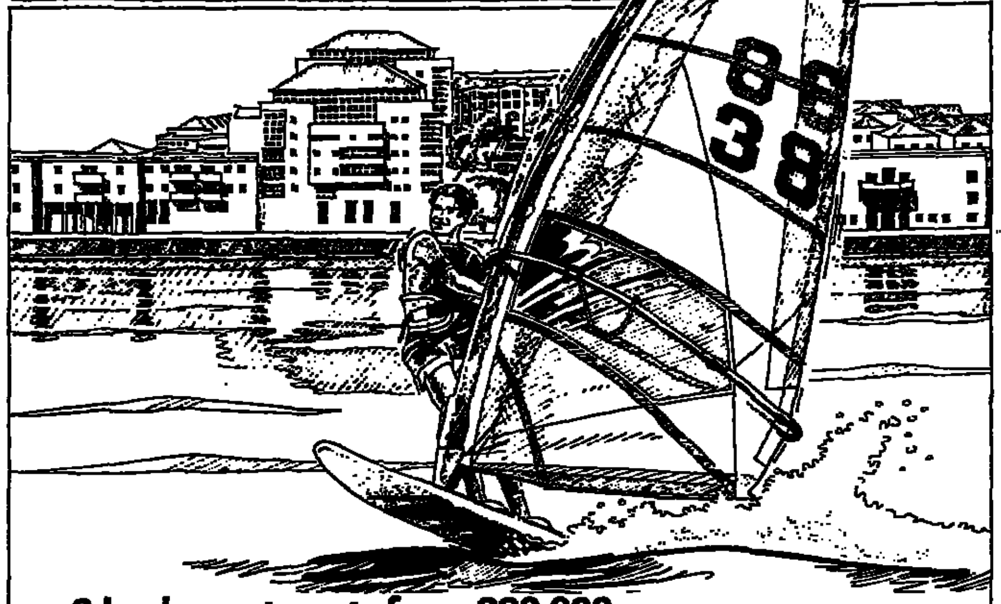

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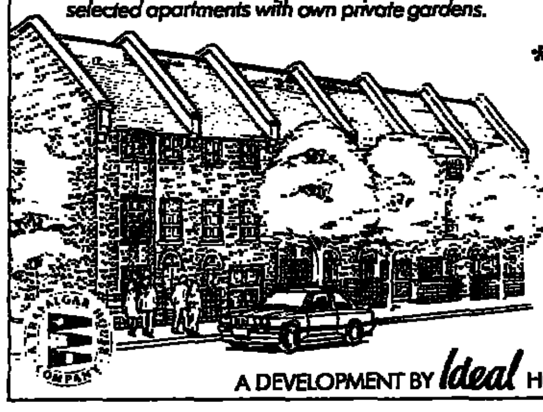

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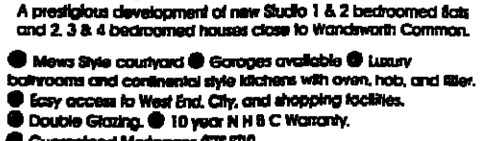

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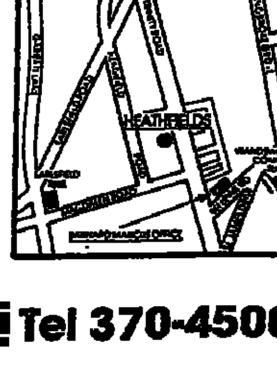

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IN THE MARKET

The £2m castle that was built by the bishop

■ Amberley Castle near Arundel, West Sussex, is a Grade I listed manor house set within medieval castle walls. It was bought last year for nearly £1.5 million, but the present owner with regret is now selling what is a manageable family house.

The castle dates back to the 14th century when the fortifications and great hall were built by the reigning Bishop of Chichester. Today the entrance through an immense portcullis flanked by two towers opens out into the courtyard gardens, and the manor house, east wing and tower house all provide self-contained or intercommunicating accommodation.

The manor house has four reception rooms and six bedrooms, while the east wing and tower have six and five bedrooms respectively. The property stands in 11 acres of grounds. Knight Frank & Rutley and Christopher Stephenson International are asking for £2 million. The agents consider this figure realistic as prices for outstanding country houses have risen by more than 30 per cent in the past year.

■ If that castle is too expensive, Coolmaine Castle at Kilbrittain, Co Cork, is for sale at around £750,000. The 18th-century castle stands in 40 acres of gardens and farmland overlooking Courtmacsherry Bay, and was enlarged in the 19th century. It has four reception rooms, two with Adam fireplaces, a master bedroom and eight further bedrooms. The agents are Sotheby's International Realty with Keane Mahony Smith of Cork.

■ Huntley Manor, at Huntley, near Gloucester, was designed by the architect S.S. Teulon in the style of a French château. It was built in 1862 for the rector of Huntley as a gift to his French wife, who was said to be homesick. The manor, with its turreted roof, stained glass windows and carved Gothic fireplaces, is set in eight acres of gardens including a lake overlooking the Severn Valley. It has three reception rooms, a library, five principal bedrooms, a self-contained staff flat and six secondary bedrooms. The agents say it is eminently suitable for family occupation or commercial use. Outside there are stabling, a heated swimming pool and a tennis court, and Strutt & Parker's Cheltenham office, with Bruton Knowles, of Gloucester, wants offers around £575,000.

■ Thirsk Cottage in Highgate, north London, built in 1832, was formerly the home of the gamekeeper of Thirsk Farm. The cottage has been enlarged by the present owner, using old bricks and tiles, and it now makes an ideal family house. It has a drawing room with a conservatory, a dining room, a third reception room and six bedrooms, and stands within a walled garden. Winkworth Highgate wants offers around £550,000.

Lyegrove, standing on the edge of the Badminton estate on the Gloucestershire-Avon border, is an early 17th-century house that has experienced the ups and downs of so many country houses over the years. After some years of decay, there were improvements in the last century, including the introduction of Dutch gables and the building of a stable block. Later the property became part of the Badminton estate until it was bought in 1926 by the 14th Earl and Countess of Westmorland. They carried out more improvements, and the famous gardens are the work of Lady Westmorland and the architect G.H. Kitchin. On Lady Westmorland's death in 1984 the house, again in need of restoration, was sold, and the present owner has once more brought it back to its best. The house has four reception rooms, a master bedroom suite and six further suites, with more accommodation on the second floor. There are two flats, and the grounds of 18 acres include formal gardens and paddocks. Savills wants offers of more than £1.5 million, and Christie's is to hold a sale of the contents of the house

New deals for buyers

The difficulties that first-time purchasers experience in stepping on to the home ownership ladder, particularly in London and the South-East, were heightened by the Budget measure that ended multiple tax relief for unmarried persons who join forces to buy.

Building societies say the result has been a rush to buy before August, the deadline, and various organizations are plunging into this lucrative, if doomed, market. One of the latest is HomeCheck, a firm of residential property consultants, which has set up a register — like a dating agency — for unmarried buyers wanting to share the benefits of multiple tax relief.

The registration fee is £10 plus VAT. And for £5 a week plus VAT HomeCheck will forward details to other registered parties. The scheme is being run in and around London. The details are available from Denise Panton on 01-788 0421.

However, others besides first-time buyers have their needs, so Nationwide Anglia has launched a new mortgage package specially tailored to meet the needs of second-time, third-time or even fourth-time buyers. The HomeMover package was put together after considerable research showed that people who have already been through the home-buying process once have different requirements when looking for a new home.

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Unbridled joy of easy rider

There is no side or swagger to the truly great in sport, as **Simon Barnes** finds out in his quest of the over-achievers.

THE WINNERS

Today: Bill Shoemaker, arguably the most successful sportsman of all time

Sân Frances

If you concentrate on the athletes at the very top of the top you give yourself an easy time. Because at this dizzy, stratospheric level of achievement you simply do not find any "side." Side is the preserve of the second-raters, the people who have clawed every step of their way, who have had to make the very most out of every single ounce of ability they possess: admirable people in many ways, full of blood and guts and determination, but people who have just a tiny corner of disappointment with themselves.

This tends to come out, not in inner sadness, but in side. It is only the truly great that need no swagger, who need never insist on their own superiority. Certainly this is true of Bill Shoemaker, the most successful jockey of all time, and arguably the most successful sportsman of all time.

He is 56, stands at 4ft 11in and has ridden nearly 9,000 winners. No other jockey is ever close to that total. As a comparison, Piggott rode 5,191 winners. And Shoemaker is still riding.

Career statistics

Born: Fabens, Texas, August 19, 1931.
Height: 4ft 11in.
Weight: 7st 2lb.
First winner: Shafter V. Golden Gate Fields, San Franscisco, April 20, 1949.
Career winners: 8,751
Career earnings: $119m
US national champion 10 times
Top races won: Kentucky Derby four times, Belmont Stakes (5), Preakness (2).
Best horses ridden: Ack Ack, Cougar II, Exceller, Dahlia, Swaps, Damascus, John Henry and Ferdinand.

He is the most affable man you could wish to meet and, despite his unusual size, he has more self-possession that any of the shifty-eyed giants among the second-raters in every sport. He specializes in the highly American habit of drawling understatement: ain't no big deal, winning all them races. Eclipse awards? Someone's got to get 'em, I guess.

Charles Whittingham, "The Bald Eagle," is another American racing legend and, as a trainer, he has had his best successes in partnership with Shoemaker. Unsurprisingly, he is something of an authority on the man: "You have to realize that he is a perfect athlete. Great at tennis, great golf player: he has perfect co-ordination. If he'd been a little bigger he could easily have been a champion golfer. He does *everything* well."

But the truly remarkable thing about Shoemaker's riding is not, apparently, athleticism but the fact that he seems to do nothing at all on his horse. Not much that you can see, anyway: monkey-wriggle acrobatics and machine-gun whippings are not his style. He just gets on a horse and it goes. If you take a walk around Santa Anita racetrack of a morning to watch the work, people will queue up to tell you tales of Shoemaker's uncanny horsemanship: a rogue animal will scatter his work riders like confetti, but put Shoemaker on top and they are instantly transformed into lambs.

"Oh, yeah, I play with him, fool around, you know? He responds, he knows I'm trying to be nice — I guess, anyway. Play with the bit, give and take. Touch, I guess — that's my theory."

Shoemaker is utterly without the traditional bitterness of the jockey. It is a pleasure to have a beer with him — and you can. Unlike most jockeys, he can have a beer any time he wants. He has no weight problems and that tends to make for a saner outlook than that of the grim victims of wasting. And he is wholly without the standard jockey's chip about physique: his build has been a priceless asset to him.

Naturally, it was his size that made people suggest he become a jockey. "So how did it start?" I asked him.

"Weren't any big deal. I was going to high school, girl in my class was dating a jockey, she said, why don't you become a jockey? I said, what the hell's a jockey? I was 15 or so, got a job on a ranch, taking care of horses, cleaning out stalls. . ."

"And was there a moment when you realized that you had something special? That you had something that other riders lacked?"

"No, I never thought about it in that way. But I knew as soon as I got to the ranch, working with those horses, I knew that was what I enjoyed. That was what I was going to do. And I took to it like a duck to water. I worked there for a year before I got on a horse. First time I got on one, that was a great thrill.

"I started riding races in 1949. Right away I had a great rapport with the animals. They liked me. We got on well together. I got along with them better than the big guys, who fought them all the time. I would kind of give and take with them and they galloped for me better than for the other guys."

But how did he make that happen? "I don't know. A rapport, a kind of sixth sense, I don't know. The animal and I, we have a feeling for each other. That's sort of it."

"Have you ever been frightened on a horse?"

"Oh, yeah. You bet. The thing about fear is, you've got to be able to talk yourself out of it. Everyone gets scared. I say to myself, if you're scared, don't do it. Quit. But I want to do it! So, don't be scared. Worst thing that happened, horse fell on me, broke my pelvis in five places, bladder, all kinds of internal things. You name it, it's happened. But I'm still here, yeah?"

Shoemaker is so perfectly relaxed a person that it is hard to believe he is a professional sportsman. He has none of the sportsman's occupational disease of insecurity. Partly, this is because of his unbelievable achievements, partly it is his age, but mostly it is because this is his nature, anyway.

"Oh, but he's competitive all right," Whittingham said. You play golf with him, you find that out. But he can switch it on and off when he wants."

"So many sportsmen are pretty obsessive," I said to Shoemaker. "But you don't seem that way at all."

"That's true. I'm an easy-going kind of a guy and I do my job and I like to play with the other guys in the jockeys' room. I think that's part of it. If you can't have fun doing what you're doing, well, get out. And you can have fun and do a good job — at least, I can. Some guys can't. Sometimes I make some joke to another guy in the race. He says 'Shut up, you're disturbing my concentration'. These guys have a different outlook."

Shoemaker is an unflagging josher, an insuppressible kidder. He likes to laugh and joke and tease before, after and during a race. Relaxation is that easy for him. There was a famous occasion back in his youth when he forgot where the winning post was, and in a major race. He stopped riding for a few strides, thinking he had won, realized he had stopped too soon, kicked on again — and was caught on the line.

In the next big race of that season his reputation was on the line, his big race temperament in question. The night before, he had dined with a fellow jockey, and two of them had boasted about their chances in the race. This jockey hit the front and Shoemaker set off after him. He drew alongside and then he just could not resist the jape. He deliberately checked his horse, and said "Hey! How y'doin'?" Then, roaring with laughter, he kicked on for victory.

That, I think, is pretty high-calibre relaxation. "You should be that way. Too tense, you probably do something you shouldn't. I've got more relaxed over the years but I started off pretty relaxed, too — probably more so than the other guys. I have fun. More so than anything. I knew I could ride, I never did worry about making a mistake or losing."

"Do you get excited when you win?"

"Not necessarily so, no. I've kind of trained myself over the years not to get too high and not to get too low. That's the game: one time you're way up here, next time way down there. Sometimes you get beat in a big race, it affects your riding the next horse. I try not to let that happen. I think I've trained myself to do that thing over the years."

"So how many more years are you going to keep it up?"

"Well, I've been threatening to quit for about 10 years but I've never got around to it. I enjoy doing it, I enjoy the camaraderie, it keeps me young, you know? I enjoy racing. I might be off for a couple of days and it's always nice to get back out there. . .riding a nice coupla horses. . ."

I have been talking with three quite amazing sportsmen, three of the greatest over-achievers in sport, or in the history of sport: the ever-analytical Steve Davis, dashing Nelson Piquet and the laid-back, drawling Bill Shoemaker. Mega-winners: but if there is one thing they all share, it is not what I expected: an obsession with winning.

No, it is their quite unbridled enjoyment of the game itself: they revel not in the end, victory, but in the means, in the thing itself; for their game, for the abstract patterns of snooker, for the oily dangers of Formula One racing, for the magic of the horse, each of these men has one thing in common: an all-encompassing, overwhelming love.

TOMORROW

Nelson Piquet, pursuing a quiet life in the fast lane

YACHTING

Owners are quick to appreciate finalists' potential

By Barry Pickthall

The 12 Crewsearch finalists who won through to represent the South West and Southern areas in the first of 10 regional trials in this series, sponsored jointly by *The Times* and James Capel, to find the offshore sailors of the future, have been quick to gain recognition for their skills.

Graham Walker and his Crusader '88 12-metre campaign team are providing an opportunity for the top talent spotted at the recent Torquay and Cowes trials to sail aboard their David Hollom design during her work-up trials in the Solent this week, before the British 12 metre is shipped to Sweden to compete in the world championship in July.

In addition, the Royal Lymington Yacht Club has extended an invitation for a number of Crewsearch finalists, including those who win through at the Irish/Scottish trial at Largs next weekend; to race as owners' representatives in the Crebbin Cup Matchrace Trials and the following Lymington Cup British Matchrace Championship, sponsored by Duracell.

A restriction on the westerly Fulmars borrowed for the two events insists that an experienced, independent sailor must be on board each yacht while racing. Nick Riley, chairman of this year's Lymington Cup event, said yesterday that he was encouraged by the high calibre of talent being brought forward by the Crewsearch scheme. He hoped to allocate a place for a finalist aboard each boat during the Crebbin Cup selection trials, on May 14, and provide two further places during the Duracell International series the following weekend.

The offer provides the Crewsearch winners with an unprecedented opportunity to race with some of the best names in the sport. Titch Blatchford, the women's champion, and Nigel Buckley, the 470 world champion, are among the up-and-coming stars competing for the single place reserved for the Crebbin Cup winner in the Duracell International series which, this year, will be contested by the leading America's Cup sailors including Chris Dickson, Peter Gilmour, John Kolius and Pelle Petterson, together with Britain's Derek Clarke and Eddie Warden Owen.

During last weekend's southern area Crewsearch trial, co-ordinated by the Island Sailing Club at Cowes, Harold Cudmore, who assessed each of the 70 trialists entered in the RYA event, was impressed by the attitude and determination shown to reach the pinacles of a tough sport.

"Most had a very positive, serious outlook, and some were very impressive in the very difficult weather conditions," Cudmore said. "Often it is only when things go wrong, when there is a lot of pressure, even danger, that you find the really cool ones."

The weather certainly presented the sternest of tests, for as the cold easterly winds, sometimes gusting up to 40 knots, swept across the Solent, sailing skills had to be at a premium to avoid knock-downs and blown sails.

Apart from the finalists, named in Monday's edition of *The Times*, three women competitors — Cordelia Eglin, Tanzine London and Nadine Warden, drew a special commendation from the judges and now stand a strong chance of winning a place as part of an all woman crew in the Crewsearch finals in October.

CREWSEARCH FINALISTS: Southern Area: Tactician: Geoff Davison; reserve: Richard Ames. Cockpit: Brian Dempsey; reserve: Richard Bryson. Mainsheet: Ian Gotts; reserve: Colin Smith. Trimmer: Ken Johnson; reserve: Jason Smith. Mast: Nick Newington; reserve: Peter James. Bow: Roger Guy; reserve: James Young. TOP WOMEN: Cordelia Eglin, Tanzine London and Nadine Warden.

VOLLEYBALL

England sweep aside challenge of Cyprus

By Roddy Mackenzie

England recorded their first win in the women's West European championship, the Spring Cup, in Athens yesterday by overhauling Cyprus, a nation making its first appearance in the competition, in four sets, 12-15, 15-9, 15-10, 15-13.

It was a solid team performance that carried England through with Wendy Gate, the captain, once again playing a significant role although neither team managed to gather points with any consistency.

To Cyprus's credit they kept England on court for fully 100 minutes. Although a taller team, they have considerably less international experience even than England, and indeed, before the tournament, had only nine international caps between their players.

Cyprus lost one of their principal hitters, Giannoula Orfanou, with an ankle injury while leading 8-7 in the final set and England almost let the set slip when the Cypriots recovered from 9-14 to 13-14.

However, their challenge was checked as Sandra Prince, from the English league champions, Sale, put away the winning point. The result had no direct bearing on the final placings in the tournament as both Cyprus and England go forward to contest places 13 to 16 with Israel and Greece B. Cyprus will get another shot at England in their final match on Saturday.

West Germany, the favourites, continued to impress and were detained on court for less than an hour in both their opening matches. They took 47 minutes to defeat Spain 3-0 and 56 minutes to beat Sweden by an identical margin.

RESULTS: Turkey 3, Spain 0; Norway 3, Greece A 2; Finland 3, Switzerland 2; Denmark 3, Greece B 0; Austria 3, Israel 0; West Germany 3, Sweden 0; England 3, Cyprus 1; Sweden 3, Spain 0.

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Queen's Bench Divisional Court

Sampling system insufficient

Rotherham Metropolitan BC v Raysun (UK) Ltd

Before Lord Justice Woolf and Mr Justice Hutchison

[Judgment April 25]

A system whereby the results of sampling of crayons carried out under the auspices of agents were only reported to the company if they were adverse, was not sufficient to satisfy the standard of care required by the Trade Descriptions Act 1968 and the Consumer Safety (Amendment) Act 1986 as there was no check made that the analyses were in fact taking place.

Similarly, sampling in this country by the selection of one packet of crayons from a batch of 10,000 dozen was insufficient in the absence of evidence that the standard throughout the consignment would be the same.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in allowing an appeal by way of case stated by Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council from the decision of Rotherham Justices on October 8, 1987 who found that Raysun (UK) Ltd, the defendant company, had taken all reasonable precautions and exercised all due diligence to avoid the commission of offences.

Section 24 of the 1968 Act provides: ". . .it shall . . . be a defence . . . to prove *(a)* that the commission of the offence was due to . . . reliance on information supplied to him or to the act or default of another . . . ; and *(b)* that he took all reasonable precautions and exercised all due diligence to avoid the commission of such an offence . . .".

Mr James Baird for the council; the company did not appear and was not represented.

LORD JUSTICE WOOLF said the offences alleged against the company, who were large-scale importers into this country of items manufactured in the Far East, were that on October 30, 1986:

1 a retailer had sold children's wax crayons to which were applied a false trade description, namely the word "poisonless", when the black crayon contained excessive amounts of toxic material contrary to section 1(1)(b) of the Trade Descriptions Act 1968 and that that was due to the act or default of the defendant company whereby the defendant was guilty of an offence by virtue of section 23 of the 1968 Act.

2 The retailer had contravened regulation 3(iii) of the Pencils and Graphic Instruments (Safety) Regulations (SI 1974 No 226) by selling the box of crayons, the black one having 1,200 parts of soluble lead per million parts of crayon contrary to section 2(1) of the Consumer Protection Acts 1961 and 1971 which was due to the act or default of the defendant company whereby it was guilty of an offence by virtue of section 12(6) of the Consumer Safety (Amendment) Act 1986.

The justices found that the defendant company was a concern employing 18 full-time staff with a 1986 turnover of £4 million. It dealt with the manufacturer through agents based in Hong Kong.

The duties of the agents included checking the quality of the crayons by visiting the factory and submitting samples for analysis by a government analyst in Hong Kong. The company also had agents in Hong Kong who monitored the quality of the crayons.

The company had provided the manufacturer with the legal requirements for the production of the crayons. Only advrse reports by the Hong Kong analyst were expected to be conveyed and no such reports had been received.

The crayons were imported once a year in a single batch each batch containing 7,000 to 10,000 dozen packets, each containing 12 crayons.

From each batch of crayons imported a single packet had been selected at random for sample analysis by a public analyst in Manchester. All the samples analysed complied with the 1974 Regulations.

The company had no reason to be suspicious by reason of the analyses or from the Toy Importers' Association which would have notified any difficulties encountered.

The justices concluded that the company could rely on the defences afforded by section 24 of the 1968 Act and section 12(2) of the 1986 Act [a parallel provision to section 24].

However, his Lordship found that because of the method of reporting to the company, there was no check made by the company that the analyses were in fact taking place. The company relied on a system where only an adverse analysis would be communicated.

There was no material before the justices to indicate the basis on which the sampling was carried out by the agents.

With regard to the sampling in this country, the selection of one packet in respect of an importation of 10,000 dozen packets was a very moderate sample. By itself it did not indicate the taking of a standard of care required by the statutory provisions.

If there had been sampling supported by evidence indicating the standard throughout the consignment would be the same, it was conceivable that to choose one in such a large consignment might be sufficient.

But in the absence of supporting evidence and in the absence of any evidence indicating why the company only chose one packet, that did not suffice to comply with the standards set out in the statutes.

So far as reliance on the Toy Importers Association was concerned, unless there was a proper factual foundation to show the absence of notification by them was something a company could reasonably attach attention, that was merely window dressing which the justices should ignore.

The case would be remitted to the justices to convict.

Mr Justice Hutchison agreed.

Solicitors: Mr T. C. Mumford, Rotherham.

Court of Appeal

Property does not pass until payment in full

Mitsui & Co Ltd and Another v Flota Mercante Grancolombiana SA

Before Lord Justice Purchas, Lord Justice Staughton and Sir George Waller

[Judgment April 20]

Where goods had been shipped overseas by sellers, named as consignees in the bills of lading, property in the goods did not pass to the buyers, who had paid 80 per cent of the purchase price in advance, until the remainder of the price had been paid.

The Court of Appeal so held in allowing an appeal by the defendant shipowners, Flota Mercante Grancolombiana SA, from a decision of Mr Justice Hobhouse ([1987] 2 Lloyds Rep 392) giving judgment for the second plaintiffs, Colombia Fisheries Co Ltd, for part of their claim in respect of the loading, care and discharge of cargo carried on board the defendants' ships from Cartagena, Colombia, to Yokohama, Japan.

Mr Richard Jacobs for the defendant shipowners; Mr Mark Howard for the plaintiff cargo-owners.

LORD JUSTICE STAUGHTON said that Colombia Fisheries, the second plaintiffs, were a Japanese company operating a fleet of trawlers to catch prawns. They sold the prawns to a Colombian company who processed and packaged them and sold them back to Colombia Fisheries who in turn sold them to their parent company, the first plaintiffs.

The appeal concerned 2,426 cartons of prawns shipped by the Colombian company on board a vessel belonging to the defendants. On discharge the prawns were found to be damaged.

The only issue on the appeal was whether the plaintiffs had title to sue in tort. A claim could be made for damage to goods on board a ship by the person who was owner of the goods at the time the damage occurred suing in tort.

The judge held that Colombia Fisheries became owners of the goods on shipment. Hence their claim succeeded in tort to the extent that the damage was found to have occurred while the goods were in the custody of the defendant shipowners.

Colombia Fisheries had agreed to buy the prawns from the Colombian sellers. No copy of the contract was available, but the judge found that it contained the term "fob" [free on board]. Payment of 80 per cent of the price had been made before shipment by means of a letter of credit.

There was no evidence as to how the remaining 20 per cent was or should have been paid, but his Lordship was inclined to assume that it was payable as a second instalment of the letter of credit, against presentation of the bills of lading. What was important was that there was no evidence as to when it was paid, whether before or after the damage to the prawns.

The defendants argued that the property passed to Colombia Fisheries only when the remaining 20 per cent of the price was paid, and that, as there was no evidence that that had occurred before the damage, the claim in tort must fail.

The goods were ascertained on shipment, and it was agreed that once that happened section 17 of the Sale of Goods Act 1979 applied. Accordingly, the problem had to be solved by the means set out in section 17(2), and various presumptions were supplied by sections 18 and 19.

By the bills of lading the goods were deliverable to the order of the sellers. Consequently, the *prima facie* presumption under section 19 was that they reserved the right of disposal. Unless that presumption was displaced, it had the result that the property did not pass to the buyers until the condition imposed by the sellers was fulfilled. That condition was, presumably, that the balance of the price was paid.

According to Mr Howard, the intention of the parties that the property had passed on shipment was to be derived from the facts that 80 per cent of the price had been paid and a letter of credit was available which, it was to be assumed, secured payment of the remaining 20 per cent.

It seemed to his Lordship that in the ordinary way a seller would not wish to part with the property in his goods if they were shipped overseas until he had been paid in full. Of course, he might choose to give credit, but his Lordship would not readily infer that he intended to do so.

It was difficult to draw any distinction for that purpose between a seller who had received 80 per cent of the price in advance and one who had received 50 per cent and one who had received nothing. Nor could much weight be attached to the fact that the balance of the price was payable by letter of credit.

Looking at the case as a whole, his Lordship did not consider that the presumption in section 19 had been displaced. If the parties had wanted it displaced all they would have had to do would have been to insert Colombia Fisheries as consignees in the bills of lading.

Lord Justice Purchas delivered a concurring judgment and Sir George Waller agreed.

Solicitors: Sinclair Roche & Temperley; Clyde & Co, Guildford.

Test of merchantable quality of used car

Business Application Specialists Ltd v Nationwide Credit Corporation Ltd

Before Lord Justice Parker and Lord Justice Balcombe

[Judgment April 18]

In considering whether a second-hand car was of merchantable quality for the purposes of the Sale of Goods Act 1979 the appropriate test was not to be limited to its state of roadworthiness but was to include the wider definition contained in section 14(6) of the Act that required all the circumstances to be taken into consideration.

The Court of Appeal so stated when concluding that in dismissing a claim by the plaintiffs, Business Application Specialists Ltd, the purchasers of a second-hand Mercedes car, Judge Lipfriend at Westminster County Court might have applied the wrong test.

Notwithstanding that conclusion however, the court went on to dismiss the appeal on the ground that had the correct test been applied Judge Lipfriend would have reached the same decision. The defendants, Nationwide Credit Corporation Ltd, were a finance company through whom the car had been bought by hire purchase.

Section 14 of the 1979 Act provides: "(6) Goods of any kind are of merchantable quality . . . if they are as fit for the purpose or purposes for which goods of that kind are commonly bought as it is reasonable to expect having regard to any description applied to them, the price (if relevant) and all the other relevant circumstances . . .".

Mrs Jennifer Horne-Roberts for the plaintiffs; Mr Jonathan Bellamy for the defendants.

LORD JUSTICE PARKER said that in October 1985 the plaintiffs entered into an hire purchase agreement with the defendants for the purchase of the car. It was two and a half years old and had 37,000 miles recorded. The price was £14,850.

After being driven for 800 miles it broke down suffering from loss of compression and therefore power: it was found that the valves and valve guides were worn or burnt out.

The basis of the plaintiffs' claim was that the defendants were in breach of the implied conditions that the car should be reasonably fit for the purpose and should be of merchantable quality.

Section 14(6) of the 1979 Act provided the extended definition of "merchantable quality" that was first introduced by the Supply of Goods (Implied Terms) Act 1973.

That wider definition had been considered by the Court of Appeal in *Rogers v Parish (Scarborough)* Ltd ([1987] QB 933) in relation to a new car. It was held that in considering whether a car was of merchantable quality the court had to consider not merely the buyer's purpose of driving the car but of his doing so with the appropriate degree of comfort, ease of handling and pride in the car's outward appearance.

The defendants here argued that that test applied only to new cars and that the old test of "roadworthiness" continued to apply in relation to sales of second-hand cars. But that argument was not acceptable. It followed that Judge Lipfriend, who made no mention in his judgment of *Rogers'* case, might have applied the wrong test.

Proceeding on the basis that he did apply the wrong test, the case was not one where a new trial should be ordered. Even if the judge had applied the correct test — that is, had taken all the circumstances into account — he would have been justified in concluding on the facts that this car was fit for the purpose and was of merchantable quality.

It was still correct to say, as Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls, had in *Bartlett v Sidney Marcus Ltd* ([1965] 1 WLR 1013), that "a buyer should realise that, when he buys a second-hand car, defects may appear sooner or later". Here defects did develop. The matter was one of fact and degree.

It could not be accepted that the plaintiffs had made out breaches of the implied conditions notwithstanding that the ambit of section 14(2) had been enlarged by section 14(6).

Lord Justice Balcombe agreed.

Solicitors: B. Dave & Co; Hill Bailey & Co.

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Waterfield to head Walwyn double

By Mandarin
(Michael Phillips)

Peter Walwyn and Pat Eddery can land a lucrative double at Ascot today by winning the first two races with Cut No Ice (2.0) and Waterfield (2.30).

Following that highly encouraging first run of the season in the John Porter Stakes at Newbury, where he finished a close fourth behind Alwasmi, Sir Harry Lewis and Lake Erie, Waterfield is now napped to win the Insulpak Sagaro EBF Stakes.

By that redoubtable stayer *Le Moss*, Waterfield should have sufficient stamina to cope with this test over two miles and as he is out of a mare by Connaught he is not devoid of speed either.

In today's relatively short straight I expect that blend of speed and stamina to gain the upper hand. The former jockey Joe Mercer, who has probably forgotten more about good stayers than most others have ever known, reports that Waterfield is spot on for this race after his last gallop.

My nap ended last season by finishing fourth in the St Leger, *third in the equivalent* Irish classic and third in the St Simon Stakes.

That suggests he ought to be capable of beating the Italian St Leger winner *Sergeyevich*, who also won the Goodwood Cup, at a difference of 6lb, especially as the top weight has not run this season.

While conceding that Mr Pintips, Pearl Run and Shimshek are all useful performers on their day, I still maintain that Overdrive, from Henry Cecil's stable, could prove the greater danger.

Nothing should be read into the fact that Willie Ryan is on Overdrive instead of Steve Cauthen, who has been booked for *Shimshek*. That is simply a matter of weights.

On balance, though, Overdrive's form last season did not measure up to Waterfield's best performances.

Earlier in the day, Cut No Ice should initiate a double for the Walwyn team by winning the Insulpak Graduation Stakes.

At Newbury 11 days ago, I was more taken with the way that she bounded away with the first race on the programme than Rasmara overcoming *considerable* problems in running to finish a close fourth in the last race.

Javanese, who won that race, now steps up in distance to tackle the White Rose Stakes.

Considering that he is a half-brother to that *exceptional French middle-distance* filly April Run, by the dual Arc winner Alleged, today's 10 furlongs should suit him far better than Newbury's mile.

So he looks a decent bet to beat Joruri, who clearly failed to run up to his trainer Clive Brittain's expectations at Newbury after winning *comfortably* at Nottingham first time out.

Of course, it is perfectly possible to argue that Alwuhush would beat the lot *with his maiden's allowance if* only he were to run up to his Royal Lodge form last September when he was narrowly beaten by Sanquirico and Undercut. However, he has still to redeem himself after flopping twice since.

Just A Flutter (3.5) could be another winner today for Javanese's jockey, Bruce Raymond.

The Michael Jarvis trained four-year-old had the Newbury Spring Cup won passing the seven-furlong marker but he was just run out of it by El Rey.

In the circumstances, he should be in his element in the Insulpak Victoria Cup which is run over a furlong less.

Eurocon, twice a winner over hurdles this winter and a winner on the Flat at Catterick already this spring, can make a triumphant return to the North Yorkshire course by capturing the Bridge Handicap over the same distance in the hands of *David Nicholls*.

Blinkered first time

ASCOT: 3.5 Rumboogie. CATTERICK: 2.45 Buzzards Maid.

Tree waits on Guineas favourite

Zelphi, winner of the Greenham Stakes at *Newbury*, has been declared for the 2,000 Guineas on Saturday, but only as a precaution in case something happens to the odds-on favourite, Doyoun.

A spokesman for Jeremy Tree's stable said yesterday: "The intention is still for Zelphi to go for the French 2,000 Guineas but if, for some reason, Doyoun was unable to run at Newmarket, we would obviously have to reconsider our plans."

Shuja, who won the Blue Riband Trial at Epsom last week, could still be in the lineup. Harry Thomson Jones's colt is also engaged in the Italian Guineas on Sunday, but the ground at Rome is apparently bad and the stable is keeping its options open.

There are 11 four-day entries for the big Newmarket race. They are: Aiglefin (Pat Eddery), Bellefella (Paul Eddery), Caerwent (J Reid), Charmer (W Carson), Common Grounds (F Head), Doyoun (W R Swinburn), Intimidate (S Cauthen), Lapierre (M Roberts), Shuja (R Hills), Tibullo (R Cochrane), Zelphi (-).

Latest prices from Corals, who have introduced a no-runner, no-bet clause, are: 1-2 Doyoun, 7-1 Caerwent, 8-1 Tibullo, 10-1 Zelphi, 14-1 Lapierre, 16-1 Intimidate, 20-1 *Charmer*, 33-1 *Aiglefin*, Common Grounds, Shuja, 66-1 Bellefella.

● Birthday Fever (Henri Samani) was a surprise winner of the £18,462 Prix Corrida at Saint-Cloud yesterday.

Alkharif maintains Eddery momentum

Much-improved Alkharif provided this season's leading jockey, Pat Eddery, with another success when getting home by a neck in the first division of the Blathwayt *Maiden Stakes*.

Striking the front two furlongs out, Alkharif went close to the second horse, Welsh Guide, at the distance but they did not impede each other.

The stewards held an inquiry but the result was unaffected. Winning trainer Peter Walwyn said: "He needs a trip and top of the ground. He went to the front easily enough but then idled."

Peter Bloomfield, who starts a two-day suspension for excessive use of the whip today, was not going to be denied the Spa Selling Stakes when driving home Dear Miff to win by 1½ lengths.

The winner, backed *from* 25-1 to 16-1, took up the running over a furlong out and was *always holding Mayfair Moss*.

A daughter of Alias Smith, Dear Miff is trained at Newmarket by Alan Bailey for Bournemouth-based Peter Joliffe, who bred the winner from his mare Dear Jem.

Peter Bloomfield: success before starting suspension

Dick Hern, who runs Charmer in Saturday's *2,000* Guineas, continued his fine start to the season when saddling a double with *Golden Wave* in the Somerset Stakes and Merce Cunningham, who collected the Empire Handicap. Both were ridden by Willie Carson.

El-Sid Senor triumphs

El-Sid Senor took advantage of a dramatic blunder by Redundant Pal three hurdles out to capture yesterday's BMW Champion Novice Hurdle at Punchestown (Our Irish Racing Correspondent writes).

Fully 10 lengths clear, Redundant Pal was brought to a complete halt when he totally misjudged the flight and this allowed El-Sid Senor to go on and win easily. The English challenger, Decided, ran on late to be beaten in a photo-finish for second place by Redundant Pal.

Cloughtaney, third to Celtic Chief at Liverpool, carries top weight in the Ir£20,000 Bookmakers Handicap Hurdle today, but his presence has ensured that his more fancied stable companion, Grabel, remains on her original mark of 10st 8lb.

ASCOT

Selections

By Mandarin	By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.00 *Cut No Ice*.	2.00 Shaddabot.
2.30 WATERFIELD (nap).	2.30 Overdrive.
3.05 Just A Flutter.	3.05 Just A Flutter.
3.40 Javanese.	3.40 Javanese.
4.10 Sharp N' Early.	4.10 Sharpgun.
4.40 Billet.	4.40 Checkpoint.

By Michael Seely
2.30 Waterfield. 3.05 Just A Flutter. 3.40 *JORURI* (nap).
The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.10 SHARP N' EARLY.

Guide to our in-line racecard

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 .... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F – fell. P – pulled up. U – unseated rider. B – brought down. S – slipped up. R – refused. D – disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: J if jumps, F if flat. (B – blinkers. V – visor. H – hood. E – Eyeshield. C – course winner. D – distance winner. CD – course and distance winner. BF – beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F – firm, good to firm, hard. G – good. S – soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

Going: good **Draw: no significant advantage**

2.0 INSULPAK GRADUATION STAKES (3-Y-O: £7,778: 1m) (5 runners) BBC 1

101 (5) 1 CUT NO ICE 11 (G) (T Rootes) P Walwyn 9-3 .... Pat Eddery ● 99
103 (3) DANCE TEACHER (E Evans) C Nelson 8-11 .... J Reid —
104 (4) 0 FLUORESCENT STAR 14 (Mrs V del Bono) J Dunlop 8-11 .... W Carson 92
105 (1) 0-4 RASMARA 11 (H H Aga Khan) R Johnson Houghton 8-11 .... S Cauthen 93
106 (2) 2 SHUDDABOT (Mrs C Straub-Rubens) C Brittain 8-11 .... W Ryan 98

BETTING: 11-8 Rasmara, 5-2 Cut No Ice, 11-4 Shuddabot 16, 8-1 Fluorescent Star, 16-1 Dance Teacher.

1987: UNITE 8-11 W Swinburn (5-1) M Stoute 14 ran

FORM CUT NO ICE (8-11) ran on well to beat Royal Touch (8-11) 5l at Newbury (7f, £4,312, good, April 14, 21 ran).
DANCE TEACHER is an *American bred newcomer* whose sire was a top class performer over middle distances.
FLUORESCENT STAR (8-11) *7th in the Wood Ditton* to Alquoz (9-0) at Newmarket (1m, £5,223, good, April 13, 18 ran).
RASMARA (8-11) was a strong finishing 5l 4th to Javanese (9-0) at Newbury (1m, £4,127, good, April 16, 27 ran).
SHUDDABOT (8-11) running on ¾l 2nd to Gild the Lily (8-11) at Wolverhampton (1m1f, £959, good to soft, April 11, 16 ran).
Selection: CUT NO ICE

2.30 INSULPAK SAGARO EBF STAKES (*Group III*: £25,479: 2m) (7 runners) BBC 2

201 (5) 121410- SERGEYEVICH 185 (F,G) (Mrs D Riley-Smith) J Dunlop 4-9-0 .... W Carson 88
202 (6) 1/0040-0 JANISKI 19 (CD,F,G) (H Chisman) Mrs B Waring 5-8-8 .... T Ives 74
203 (7) 02-2403 MR PINTIPS 23 (S) (Lord Halifax) W Hastings-Bass 4-8-8 .... P Cook 84
204 (3) 0010-11 PEARL RUN 23 (G,S) (R Squires) G Price 7-8-8 .... J Williams 77
205 (1) 31210-3 SHIMSHEK 14 (F,G) (K Al-Said) D Elsworth 4-8-8 .... S Cauthen 86
206 (4) 10433-4 WATERFIELD 11 (D,G) (A Oldrey) P Walwyn 4-8-8 .... Pat Eddery ● 99
207 (2) 3/21311- OVERDRIVE 187 (D,F,G) (L Freedman) H Cecil 4-8-5 .... W Ryan 87

BETTING: 9-4 Waterfield, 100-30 Shimshek, 7-2 Overdrive, 6-1 Pearl Run, 9-1 Sergeyevich, 12-1 Mr Pintips, 16-1 Janiski.

1987: SADEEM 4-8-8 G Starkey (100-30) G Harwood 12 ran

FORM SERGEYEVICH (9-2) best effort ¾l victory from Jung (9-2) at San Siro (1m 6f, Group II, £34,736, good, Oct 4, 7 ran).
JANISKI (8-11) 13l 5th to Milton Burn (7-7) at Kempton (1m 4f, £3,111, good, April 8, 11 ran).
MR PINTIPS (9-4) 8l 3rd to Fouz (8-1) at Kempton (1m 2f, £9,864, soft, April 4, 16 ran).
PEARL RUN (9-7) beat Camilla's Girl (7-7) 2½l at Warwick (1m 6f 180yd, £2,515, good to soft, April 4, 7 ran).
SHIMSHEK (9-6) 4l 3rd to Private Audition (7-13) at Newmarket (1m 6f, £7,681, good, April 13, 11 ran).
WATERFIELD (8-10) 2¾l 4th to Alwasmi (8-10) at Newbury (1m 4f, Group III, £24,147, good, April 16, 8 ran).
OVERDRIVE (8-8) beat Swingit Gunner (9-6) ¾l at Doncaster (2m, £2,070, good, Oct 23, 11 ran).
Selection: WATERFIELD

3.5 INSULPAK VICTORIA CUP HANDICAP (£14,725: 7f) (17 runners) BBC 2

301 (16) 10300/0 RUMBOOGIE 34 (B,S) (A Richards) C Brittain 4-9-10 .... W Ryan —
302 (10) 000001/ BARCLAY STREET 540 (D,F,G) (Lord Matthews) I Matthews 5-9-7 .... N Day —
303 (2) 001130- CAPTAIN HOLLY 195 (D,G,S) (S Brewer) P Makin 4-9-6 .... S Cauthen 92
304 (11) 2/134- GOVERNORSHIP 295 (G) (R E A Bott Ltd) C Nelson 4-9-5 .... J Reid 92
305 (4) 0080-02 JUST A FLUTTER 11 (F,G) (F Wilson) M Jarvis 4-9-2 .... B Raymond ● 99
306 (14) 21020-0 WING PARK 4 (CD,G) (Miss C Morris) A Bailey 4-9-1 .... Pat Eddery 98
307 (9) 000100- DUNENNY 216 (D,G,S) (E Reitel) R Akehurst 4-8-13 .... R Cochrane 93
309 (7) 1401-01 CRONK'S QUALITY 8 (F,G,S) (Cronk Ltd) G Lewis 5-8-10 (6ex) .... Paul Eddery 92
310 (5) 242000- BOOT POLISH 200 (D,F,G,S) (G Parkinson) J Watts 6-8-9 .... N Connorton 93
311 (15) 10120-4 START-RITE 19 (B,F,G) (A Foustok) W O'Gorman 4-8-8 .... T Ives 89
312 (13) 80220-3 MISS CUDDLES 32 (Mrs S Freeman) G Balding 4-8-8 .... M Roberts 91
313 (12) 20020-1 ONE LINER 19 (F,G,S) (K Al-Said) N Callaghan 4-8-8 (6ex) .... W Carson 96
314 (3) 212133- GILDERDALE 195 (C,D,F,G) (J Hobhouse) N Vigors 6-8-5 .... P Cook 89
315 (17) 320132- GOLDEN ANCONA 173 (G,S) (D Gorton) M H Easterby 5-8-3 .... J Lowe 96
316 (8) 00000-0 TAUBER 19 (G,S) (Mrs C Reed) Pat Mitchell 4-8-2 .... C Rutter 97
317 (6) 4000-00 EURODOLLAR 11 (S) (K Khan) J Holt 4-7-13 .... R Fox 89
318 (1) 0001-00 SERGEANT MERYLL 18 (D,G,S) (Mrs J Moodie) P Howling 4-7-7 .... N Adams 90

BETTING: 11-2 One Liner, 6-1 Miss Cuddles, 13-2 Start-Rite, 7-1 Just A Flutter, 9-1 Cronk's Quality, 10-1 Golden Ancona, Governorship, 14-1 Wing Park, Captain Holly, Gilderdale, 16-1 others.

1987: FUSILIER 5-7-9 A Mackay (20-1) C Brittain 20 ran

FORM CAPTAIN HOLLY (9-6) best effort was a 3l beating of Sharp Times (7-12) at York (7f, £4,273, good, Sept 2, 9 ran).
JUST A FLUTTER (9-2) head 2nd to El Rey (8-7) at Newbury with *EURODOLLAR* (7-13) 4½l 6th (1m, £5,556, good, April 16, 20 ran).
WING PARK (8-8) ¾l victory over *Instinctive* (8-5) at Ascot with CAPTAIN HOLLY (9-4) a head 3rd and DUNENNY 9th (7f, £10,889, good, Sept 24, 13 ran).
CRONK'S QUALITY (8-9) beat Keen Edge (8-0) a head at Epsom (6f, £3,811, good to soft, April 19, 10 ran).
MISS CUDDLES (8-3) 2¾l 3rd to Cuvee Charlie (8-10) in the Lincoln at Doncaster with JUST A FLUTTER (8-13) 15l 9th (1m, £29,633, soft, March 26, 25 ran).
ONE LINER (9-3) beat Greenhill Jazz Time (8-7) 1l at *Kempton* with START-RITE (9-10) 3¾l 4th and CRONKS QUALITY (9-5) and TAUBER (9-3) unplaced (6f, £2,807, good, April 8, 17 ran).
SERGEANT MERYLL (7-7) best effort a head defeat *of GOLDEN ANCONA* (8-8) at Doncaster with WING PARK (9-4) 3½l 5th and JUST A FLUTTER (9-6) and START-RITE (8-10) unplaced (7f, £3,652, good, Nov 6, 21 ran).
Selection: WING PARK

3.40 WHITE ROSE STAKES (3-Y-O: £7,882: 1m 2f) (5 runners) BBC 2

403 (5) 10420-0 BURKAN 13 (F) (F Kalla) N Callaghan 9-0 .... R Cochrane 76
404 (1) 1 JAVANESE 11 (G) (B Firestone) Mrs L Piggott 9-0 .... B Raymond 80
405 (4) 40-14 JORURI 11 (D,S) (Sheikh Mohammed) C Brittain 9-0 .... M Roberts 77
406 (2) 230-0 *ALWUHUSH 13 (H Al-Maktoum) J Dunlop 8-9* .... *W Carson* ● 99
409 (3) 03- SAUDI DESERT 235 (F Salman) P Cole 8-9 .... Pat Eddery 74

BETTING: Evens Javanese, 7-4 *Alwuhush*, 5-1 Joruri 10-1 *Saudi Desert*, 16-1 *Burkan*.

1987: ZAIZOOM 8-9 T Quinn (5-1) P Cole 5 ran

FORM BURKAN (9-7) best effort neck 2nd to Bannister (9-1) at Doncaster (1m, £8,875, good, Sept 10, 15 ran).
JAVANESE (9-0) beat Mufit (9-0) 4l at Newbury (1m, £4,127, good, April 16, 27 ran).
JORURI (8-11) best effort 1l victory from Mumtaz *Jamal (8-11) at Nottingham (1m 2f, £1,642, heavy,* April 4, 15 ran).
ALWUHUSH (8-9) 13l 5th to Doyoun (8-9) at Newmarket (1m, Group III: £18,471, good, April 14, 5 ran).
SAUDI DESERT (8-11) 4l 3rd to Carmelite House (8-11) at Kempton (7f, £5,196, soft, Sept 5, 19 ran) with JORURI (8-11) 7l away in 7th.
Selection: ALWUHUSH

4.10 EBF GARTER GRADUATION STAKES (2-Y-O: £7,222: 5f) (9 runners)

502 (1) 1 SHARP N' EARLY 25 (D,S) (A F Budge Equine Ltd) R Hannon 9-4 .... B Rouse ● 99
503 (7) 0 *ALMOST BLUE 12 (A Shelton) J Berry 8-12* .... R Cochrane 81
504 (6) 0 CRONK'S COURAGE 13 (Cronk Garages Ltd) G Lewis 8-12 .... Paul Eddery —
505 (3) 22 FLAMING SWORD 12 (BF) (Mrs P Yong) W O'Gorman 8-12 .... T Ives 88
507 (5) 2 *HANDSOME GROOM 4 (T Liang) A Bailey 8-12* .... B Raymond 82
510 (9) LUGANA BEACH (R Richards) D Elsworth 8-12 .... S Cauthen —
511 (2) 31 MIAMI BANKER 4 (D,S) (J Amass) P Arthur 9-4 .... N Adams 88
513 (4) SHARPGUN (Roldvale Ltd) P Kelleway 8-12 .... Pat Eddery —
516 (8) 3 UNIROYAL WINDWAY 12 (J Marsh) C Nelson 8-12 .... J Reid 87

BETTING: 5-2 Sharp N' Early, 100-30 Uniroyal Windway, 13-2 Lugana Beach, 8-1 Handsome Groom, 10-1 Miami Banker, Flaming Sword, 14-1 Sharpgun, 16-1 Almost Blue, 25-1 Cronk's Courage.

1987: SHIP OF FOOLS 8-12 R Cochrane (14-1) R Williams 9 ran

FORM SHARP N' EARLY (9-0) 7l winner from FLAMING SWORD (9-0) at Kempton (*5f, £2,282, soft, April 2, 10 ran*).
CRONK'S COURAGE (9-0) outpaced when 8th to Superpower (9-0) at Newmarket (5f, £2,898, good, April 14, 9 ran).
FLAMING SWORD (9-0) running on when 1½l 2nd to Cardinal Sin (9-0) at Newbury with UNIROYAL WINDWAY (9-0) ½l 3rd and ALMOST BLUE (9-0) 2l 6th (5f, £3,987, good, April 15, 12 ran).
LUGANA BEACH (b. April 6) is by Tumble Wind, a *sire noted for producing speedy individuals. Cost* 26,000 guineas as a yearling.
MIAMI BANKER (9-0) beat HANDSOME GROOM (9-0) 2l at *Leicester* (5f, £966, good to soft, April 23, 10 ran).
Selection: SHARP N' EARLY

4.40 CHOBHAM APPRENTICE HANDICAP (£3,973P 1m 4f) (11 runners)

601 (5) 0120- MUSHTAAG 271 (D,S) (Maktoum Al Maktoum) M Stoute 4-10-0 .... M A Giles (8) 98
602 (7) 33010-3 GULFLAND 22 (D,BF,F,G,S) (G P-Gordon) G P-Gordon 7-9-3 Abigail Richards (8) 94
605 (1) 0/12101- BILLET 270 (D,F,G) (D Anderson) H Candy 5-8-10 .... D J Williams (3) 91
606 (10) 11000/4 ROUBAYD 16 (D,F,G) (S Cohn) *R Akehurst 5-8-8* .... *J Adams (3)* 94
609 (3) 00-2310 KHETA KING 14 (D,F,G,S) (Sir G Brunton) W Hastings-Bass 5-8-4 Dale Gibson (3) ● 99
610 (11) 41010-0 FOUR STAR THRUST 11 (D,F,G) (Mrs J Turner) R Whitaker 6-8-3 .... K Bradshaw 94
611 (1) *4000-00 BRONZE RUNNER 9 (F,G) (Austin Stroud & Co Ltd) E Wheeler 4-8-1* .... L Riggio (6) 98
612 (4) 100-020 COUNT TREVISIO 15 (S) (B Keay) P Howling 4-8-1 .... G Bardwell 97
613 (6) 24220-1 CHECKPOINT 7 (D,G) (R Richards) C Brittain 4-7-13 (4ex) .... L Dettori 98
615 (8) 0010/03- FOLK DANCE 18J (V,D,G) (British Plc) G Balding 6-7-10 .... Jenny Edworthy (10) 91
617 (9) 23000/0 LULAV 20 (D,G,S) (J Bridger) J Bridger 10-7-7 .... — —

Long handicap: Lulav 6-5.

BETTING: 7-2 Gulfland, 4-1 Checkpoint, 11-2 Kheta King, 6-1 Roubayd, Mushtaag, 8-1 Billet, 12-1 Folk Dance, 14-1 Count Trevisio, Four Star Thrust, 20-1 others.

1987: ALMAARAD 4-9-6 G Foster (6-1) J Dunlop 10 ran

FORM MUSHTAAG (8-13) best effort 2l 2nd *to Primitive Rising (8-9) at Chepstow* (1m 4f, £10,784, good to firm, July 31, 9 ran).
GULFLAND (10-0) 2¾l 3rd to Sanamar (9-1) at Warwick (*1m 4f 52yd*, £2,633, good to soft, April 5, 11 ran).
BILLET (8-9) beat Betty Jane (8-5) 2l at Goodwood (1m 4f, £4,901, firm, Aug 1, 9 ran).
FOUR STAR THRUST (7-12) best effort short head victory from Island Set (9-10) at Newmarket (1m 4f, *£8,136, good to firm, Oct 2, 12 ran*).
BRONZE RUNNER (9-11) over 16l 8th to Staten Island (8-1) at Folkestone (1m 4f, £1,375, good, April 18, 12 ran).
COUNT TREVISIO (7-13) 7¾l 5th to Mill Plantation at Newmarket (1m 2f, £5,281, good, April 12, 9 ran).
Selection: COUNT TREVISIO

Course specialists

TRAINERS

	Winners	Runners	Per cent
H Cecil	27	*81*	33.3
M Stoute	28	105	26.7
J Dunlop	13	71	18.3
D Elsworth	7	46	15.2

Only qualifiers

JOCKEYS

	Winners	Rides	Per cent
S Cauthen	32	166	19.3
Pat Eddery	31	168	18.5
C Rutter	6	37	16.2
W Carson	20	141	14.2
B Raymond	3	22	13.6
R Cochrane	11	88	12.5

CATTERICK

Selections

By Mandarin	By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.15 Naval Fan.	2.15 Before The Crash.
2.45 Ballymore Park.	2.45 Fort James.
3.15 Eurocon.	3.15 Turmeric.
3.45 Command Bid.	3.45 —
4.15 Jacqui Joy.	4.15 —
4.45 Adbass.	4.45 ADBASS (nap).
5.15 Duckington.	5.15 Gypsy's Barn Rat.

Going: good to firm ***Draw: low numbers best up to 7f***

2.15 SEDBURY MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES (2-Y-O: £822: 5f) (12 runners)

2 (9) 0 *BESCABY BOY 21 (M Phelan) J Wharton 8-10* .... R Curant —
3 (10) 04 LONG ARM OF TH'LAW 12 (E Geddes) W Pearce 8-10 .... K Hodgson 91
4 (11) 0 NAVAL FAN 11 (BF) (P Savill) M H Easterby 8-9 .... M Birch 90
7 (5) 0 *SANDHURST STAR 11 (M Brittain) M Brittain 8-5* .... M Wigham 82
9 (2) 0 AUNTIE DI 14 (Mrs J Holt) M W Easterby 8-4 .... D Nicholls —
10 (3) BEFORE THE CRASH (A Field) W Musson 8-4 .... — —
16 (12) RON'S SPECIAL (M O'Horan) Ron Thompson 8-2 .... R P Elliott —
17 (6) 00 SKY HILL 14 (P White) R Hollinshead 8-2 .... A Culhane (5) —
20 (7) 00 TAYLORS APPEAL 6 (Taylors of Soham Ltd) E Eldin 8-1 .... A Mackay —
21 (1) 02 CHARM 8 (M Bennett) R Simpson 8-0 .... J Curant ● 99
22 (6) DAISY LADY (R Cox) Miss S Wilkinson *8-0* .... *Dana Mellor (5)* —
23 (4) GO MAROCK (Mrs V Haigh) W Haigh 8-0 .... S Salmon —

BETTING: 7-4 Charm, 5-2 Naval Fan, 100-30 Long Arm of Th'Law, 7-1 Sandhurst Star, 9-1 Bescaby Boy, 12-1 others.

1987: CUMBRIAN EXPRESS 8-8 M Birch (8-1) M H Easterby 17 ran

2.45 JOCKEY CAP SELLING STAKES (3-Y-O: £1,002: 1m 4f 40yd) (12 runners)

1 (12) 000-2 BALLYMORE PARK 30 (A Davenport) G Moore 8-10 .... S Wood (7) ● 99
2 (10) 0000- BANANA BOAT 274 (A Wilkinson) K Ivory 8-10 .... A Proud —
4 (4) 004300- FORT JAMES 184 *(J Morley) D Morley* 8-10 .... M Birch 85
6 (8) 000-0 MILFORD LAD 18 (V Walsh) C Charlet 8-10 .... R Morse (5) —
7 (1) 00- NICKNAVAR 193 (J Wharton) J Wharton 8-10 .... P Walsh (7) —
8 (7) 00400-0 *PERCHCOURT 15 (Perchcourt Ltd) R Whitaker 8-10* .... S Perks 87
9 (6) 4010-0 PROMISE KEPT 14 (F) (A Fawcett) J Wainwright 8-10 .... K Darley 85
10 (9) 0002-00 THE OVERNIGHT MAN 5 (B) (Rowe Freight Ltd) B McMahon 8-10 .... M Lynch (5) 80
11 (2) 00000-2 WESTON MOXY 30 (G) (G Brown) T Barron 8-10 .... D Nicholls 85
12 (5) 0330-43 BUZZARDS MAID 9 (B) (J Hepburn) A Brown *8-7* .... *L Charnock* 88
13 (11) 02-0 EVA FARO 21 (Denys Smith) Denys Smith 8-7 .... M Fry 87
14 (3) 4000-00 QUALITAIR DUTCHESS 6 (P Bottomley) K Stone 8-7 .... C Carter —

BETTING: 9-4 Promise Kept, 3-1 Ballymore Park, *5-1 Buzzards Maid*, 13-2 Eva Faro, 8-1 Weston Moxy, 10-1 Fort James, 12-1 The Overnight Man, 14-1 others.

1987: LULLABY BABY 8-7 M Birch (13-8 fav) D Morley 13 ran

3.15 BRIDGE HANDICAP (£1,794: 1m 5f 180yd) (12 runners)

1 (4) 23233-0 SOLDIERS DUTY 9 (D Hunnisett) D Morley 4-10-0 .... Rae Guest 85
5 (2) 02200-0 MARIE ZEPHYR 14 *(W Ropner)* W Elsey 4-9-4 .... G Duffield 91
6 (5) 031000- GALLOWAY RAIDER 197 (G) (Miss D Allan) Denys Smith 4-9-2 .... G Baxter 95
7 (1) 130013- TURMERIC 175 (F,S) (Mrs D Morley) D Morley 5-9-1 .... M Birch 91
8 (12) 04040-1 *PLAN OF ATTACK 15 (V,S) (F H Lee) F H Lee 4-9-1 (4ex)* .... S Perks 89
11 (6) 030/000- PRIMETTA PRINCE 265 (P Lewis) W Pearce 4-8-8 .... K Hodgson 86
12 (3) 0000-12 MASTER VINCE 8 (BF,S) (S Squires) K Ivory 10-8-7 .... A Proud 92
13 (11) *0/0000-1 EUROCON 21 (G) (W Swiers) T Barron 4-8-4* .... D Nicholls 90
14 (8) 30044/3 OLD MALTON 9 (F) (D Jenkins) *D Ringer 8-7-13* .... P D'Arcy 93
16 (7) 000-040 LARNEM 7 (F,G) (R Cartwright) T Fairhurst 5-7-7 .... L Charnock ● 99
17 (10) 040000- UNO'S PET 89J (CD,G) (C Wheeler) K Stone 4-7-7 .... R Morse (5) 87
18 (9) 0000-20 MRS CHRIS 14 (F) *(Mrs H North) M Naughton* 6-7-7 .... A Culhane (5) 89

Long handicap: Mrs Chris 6-9, Uno's Pet 7-2.

BETTING: 3-1 Plan of Attack, 4-1 Eurocon, 11-2 Larnem, 7-1 *Marie Zephyr*, 8-1 Master Vince, Turmeric, 9-1 Soldiers Duty, 10-1 others.

1987: (1m 7f 180yd) SAN CARLOS 5-8-6 R Curant (4-1 fav) A Ingham 14 ran

3.45 RICHMOND STAKES (2-Y-O: £1,699: 5f) (5 runners)

1 (3) 1 COMMAND BID 14 (D,G) (Mrs J Mountifield) M H Easterby 9-4 .... M Birch ● 99
3 (1) 31 MIMINING 8 (D,S) (A Bride) G Moore 8-13 .... S Wood (7) 90
6 (2) 0 LAMBOURN CITIZEN 12 *(Sheikh M Al Sabah)* F Fyche 8-11 .... M Hills —
7 (5) SAM'S CHOICE (C Bradford-Nutter) J Berry 8-11 .... J Carroll —
11 (4) 0 SWEETEN GALE 16 (H Rushworth) M Brittain 8-6 .... M Wigham —

BETTING: 10-11 Command Bid, 11-4 Mimining, 5-1 *Sam's Choice*, 10-1 Sweeten Gale, 12-1 Lambourn Citizen.

1987: KARLA'S STAR 8-5 C Coates (11-10) G Moore 4 ran

4.15 TURFCALL APPRENTICE HANDICAP (£1,*398*: 5f) (21 runners)

1 (5) 021002- SKI CAPTAIN 198 (D,G) (J Etherington) J Etherington 4-10-0 .... G Forster (8) 92
2 (21) 44120-0 LOCH FORM 5 (CD,F,G) (W Bulmer) C Tinkler 5-9-6 .... P Burke (5) 86
3 (19) U300-00 PENDOR DANCER 7 (V,D,F,G) (W Patterson) K Ivory 5-9-6 .... S Hill (5) 94
7 (14) 000000- DENSBEN 174 (D,G,S) (Mrs J Pike) Denys Smith 4-8-12 .... P Carr (8) 93
8 (11) 032000- LYNCOMBE BOY 197 (V Tjolle) J King 4-8-10 .... L Jones 98
9 (8) 020000- *LUCEDEO 182* (D,F) (J Good) R Hollinshead 4-8-9 .... A Culhane 94
10 (13) 000-0 NORTHERN PRINTER 4 (Oaklea Bloodstock Ltd) E Alston 3-8-6 .... K Fallon 88
11 (9) 0000-00 PERGODA 25 (B,D,F,G,S) (J Fletcher) S Kettlewell 10-8-6 .... D D'Arcy (8) —
12 (10) 2304- *NE TOUCHE PAS 194 (I McKellar) P Burgoyne 3-8-3* .... *D Barry (8)* 87
14 (12) 0000/09 TECHNOCRAT 14 (Mrs V Greenwood) M Naughton 4-8-2 .... G Hind (5) —
15 (3) 0200-31 JACQUI JOY 5 (CD,F,G) (J Berry) J Berry 5-8-2 (7ex) .... Dana Mellor 92
17 (18) 00U0-20 RIDGIDUCT 16 (BF) (J Berry) J Wharton 4-8-1 .... P Walsh (5) 95
19 (7) 40433-0 THEKKIAN 21 (D,G) (D Hollinshead) R Hollinshead 4-7-13 .... R Lappin (5) 98
20 (17) 000-00 BALIDARIUS 12 (Oaklea Bloodstock Ltd) E Alston 3-7-11 .... S Muscroft (8) —
21 (20) 10-2004 COMMANDER MEADEN 5 (F) (T Howarth) R Stubbs 5-7-11 .... — 97
23 (2) 04-0420 ROYAL BEAR 7 (D,F,S) (E Monaghan) J Bradley 6-7-8 .... J Quinn ● 99
24 (6) 0000-00 SHELLY'S FOLLY 9 (J Turney) T Fairhurst 3-7-7 .... K Brownsword (8) 86
25 (4) 000100- SLY MAID 166J (D,F) (R Baker) B Richmond 5-7-7 .... P Dalton 90
26 (16) 340-000 MANABEL 5 (B,G) (A Ripley) S Bowring 6-7-7 .... S Wood (5) 91
27 (15) 030030- HOBOURNES KATIE 194 (G A Farndon Eng Co Ltd) H Wharton 5-7-7 .... R Morse 86
28 (1) 003040- KAREN'S STAR 174 (D,F,G,S) (J Chapman) D Chapman 11-7-7 .... D Campbell (8) 91

Long handicap: Karen's Star 7-2, Hobournes Katie 7-2, Manabel 7-4, *Sly Maid 7-4, Shelly's Folly 7-6*.

BETTING: 9-2 Ne Touche Pas, 11-2 Shelly's Folly, 7-1 Thekkian, 15-2 Royal Bear, 8-1 *Jacqui Joy*, 9-1 Ski *Captain*, 10-1 *Sly Maid*, 12-1 *Ridgiduct*, 14-1 *others*.

1987: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

4.45 HURGILL LODGE GRADUATION STAKES (£822: 7f) (11 runners)

1 (2) 1- ADBASS 177 (D,S) (Sheikh Mohammed) H Cecil 9-7 .... G Baxter 97
3 (1) 0-1 STAGE VILLAIN 11 (F) (R Sangster) B Hills 9-7 .... M Hills 85
7 (11) 00 LITTLE DOUGLAS 9 (Sir R Sheffield) D Morley 9-0 .... Rae Guest 83
10 (4) 42 SADAPOUR 9 (BF) (H H Aga Khan) M Stoute 9-0 .... A Kimberley 90
11 (6) 0-0 SAMBELARO 23 (G Dempsey) R Whitaker 9-0 .... S Perks —
12 (10) 00- SERLBY CONNECTION 239 (Mrs D Jackson) *S Bowring 9-0* .... A Proud —
13 (5) 00- VARROCO 240 (Mrs A Birkett) E Weymes 9-0 .... K Darley —
14 (9) 3 BALDOMERO 11 (G Sangster) W Jarvis 8-11 .... G Carter ● 99
15 (7) 00 FINE A LEAU 9 (R Bowler) M Brittain 8-11 .... M Wigham —
16 (8) 00- ORCHESTRION 175 (G Reed) C Thornton 8-11 .... J Bleasdale —
18 (3) T CATTY (A Boone) W Hastings-Bass 8-11 .... G Duffield —

BETTING: 2-1 Adbass, 100-30 Stage Villain, 7-2 Sadapour, 6-1 Baldomero, 10-1 Orchestrion, T Catty, 12-1 others.

1987: DEAR DINGWALL 9-0 J Lowe (7-2) S Norton 11 ran

5.15 SPRING HANDICAP (£1,545: 7f) (20 runners)

3 (1) 040000- MURPHY 179 (CD,G) (Mrs S Brook) R Whitaker 4-9-10 .... S Perks 94
4 (17) 000002- THE MAZALL 221 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs G Smith) Miss L Siddall 8-9-7 .... D Nicholls 92
5 (12) 03000-0 SO CAREFUL 30 (CD,F) (T Doherty) J Berry 5-9-6 .... J Carroll ● 99
6 (5) 0200-20 HOGAN'S RUN 9 (D,F) (K Hogan) C Tinkler 3-9-2 .... M Wood 90
8 (2) 24020-0 GERSHWIN 9 (F,G,S) (D Ayres) Denys Smith 5-9-1 .... G Baxter 96
10 (15) 0-320 RUNNING FORTUNE 6 (Oaklea Bloodstock Ltd) E Alston 3-8-11 .... K Fallon (5) 87
11 (4) 103010- WINNIES LUCK 174 (G,S) (G Northage) R Whitaker 4-8-10 .... A Culhane (5) 90
13 (16) 0620-24 DUCKINGTON 12 (BF) (Lady Murless) M H Easterby 4-8-9 .... M Birch 95
14 (8) 00000- GREY RUM 183 (Mrs M Lewis) W Pearce 3-8-8 .... K Hodgson 80
15 (7) 003-200 GLORY GOLD 7 (S) (M Brittain) M Brittain 4-8-8 .... A Bacon (7) 91
17 (13) 0304-00 KNOCKSHARRY 7 (F) (P White) R Hollinshead 4-8-7 .... P Hill 89
19 (19) 0/0241-0 GYPSY'S BARN RAT 20 (D,S) (A Haddock) W Holden 4-8-6 .... S Keightley 86
20 (18) 00-0 TIGERS PET 34 (A Wilkinson) K Ivory 4-8-6 .... A Proud —
22 (6) 3/00002- SEQUESTRATOR 253 (D,F) (G Nunn) K Ivory 5-8-5 .... M Wigham 90
23 (14) 03000-0 EDGEWISE 9 (D,F,S) (T Argyrides) C Charlet 5-8-5 .... R Morse (5) 95
24 (3) 000-010 JANE'S BRAVE BOY 9 (CD,G,S) (J Eddell) D Chapman 6-8-0 (7ex) .... S Webster 94
25 (11) 300/00-3 DISCOVER GOLD 21 (Ashley Harrison & Co Ltd) K Bridgwater 7-7-13 .... A Mackay 91
26 (20) 244430- LUCY'S MELODY 204 (Mrs L Hunt) W Pearce 4-7-13 .... *N Carlisle* 85
27 (10) 0000-22 SCOTCH IMP 7 (D,BF,G) (T Broadley) D Chapman 4-7-12 .... L Charnock 98
28 (9) 00030-0 RITZ'S PEARL 21 (R Graham) G Moore 4-7-11 .... S Wood (7) 94

BETTING: 5-1 Hogan's Run, 11-2 Gershwin, Scotch Imp, 6-1 Duckington, Sequestrator, 8-1 Discover Gold, Jane's Brave Boy, The Mazall, 10-1 others.

1987: (6f) MENDICK ADVENTURE 6-8-10 S Perks (8-1) Denys Smith 13 ran

Course specialists

TRAINERS

	Winners	Runners	Per cent
H Cecil	5	10	50.0
W Jarvis	5	17	29.4
B Hills	6	23	26.1
K Ivory	4	16	25.0
E Eldin	3	16	18.8
J Berry	10	54	18.5

JOCKEYS

	Winners	Rides	Per cent
M Lynch	3	7	42.9
J Carroll	8	28	28.6
M Wigham	6	29	20.7
Rae Guest	4	24	16.7
M Birch	18	126	14.3
D Nicholls	15	110	13.6

KELSO

Selections

By Mandarin
2.30 South Sunrise. 3.0 Big Ash. 3.30 Flying Ace. 4.0 Crash Market. 4.30 Chipchase. 5.0 Rockmartin.
Brian Beel's selection: 3.30 Flying Ace.

Going: good

2.30 *HUME MAIDEN HURDLE* (Amateurs: £1,375: 3m 1f) (22 runners)

1 00/ ALBEHANDY 779 G Dun 8-12-0 .... J Dun (7)
2 0-0F ANDREW 61 T Craig 5-12-0 .... J Grassick (7)
13 0040 ETERNAL CREDIT 84 (G) R Fisher 6-12-0 R Morrow (7)
16 P44F JAY DOUBLE YOU 12 (B) J S Wilson 7-12-0 D Mactaggart (7)
17 00 LINLITHGOW PALACE 35 A Crow 6-12-0 .... A Crow (7)
19 00P0 MADJDEC 57 C Parker 6-12-0 .... W Hetherington (4)
20 0004 MASTER MUCK 55 N Twiston-Davies 5-12-0 Mrs C Twiston-Davies (7)
21 F0 MEELIN'S DELIGHT 23 R Francis 8-12-0 .... D Barlow (7)
22 3U0 SHAKE THE KING 16 C Parker 5-12-0 .... A Parker (7)
25 0003 SOUTH SUNRISE 23 T Tate 6-12-0 .... T Tate
25 SUNRULLAH 1797F R Nixon 9-12-0 D Swindlehurst (7)
27 000 TRAPRAIN LAW 47 K Oliver 5-12-0 .... J Mactaggart (7)
33 00P0 EASTLANDS MONKEY 5 Mrs G Reveley 6-11-9 T Carr (7)
34 00 FIRST TRICK 5 W A Stephenson 5-11-9 .. A Costello (7)
35 00P0 GO-ONKATIE 23 R Bainbridge 5-11-9 .... T Byrne (7)
37 2F02 MISS CLUB ROYAL 22 Jimmy Fitzgerald 5-11-9 C Wilson (7)
39 0 SUPER FOUNTAIN 111 F Walton 5-11-9 .... J Walton
40 000 TERI ODIN 16 K Oliver 5-11-9 .... R Hale (7)
41 P00 WORTHY LIGHT 4 E Robson 7-11-9 .... N Hargreave (7)
43 P PANDORA'S KNIGHT 25 C Alexander 4-11-7 .... —
45 00P BEN'S BIRTHDAY 82 P Beaumont 4-11-2 Mrs A Farrell (4)
46 0 KINMERSTON 47 Miss M Bell 4-11-2 .... C Sample (4)

BETTING: *5-2 Miss Club Royal, 7-2 Master Muck*, 9-2 South Sunrise, 7-1 Eternal Credit, 8-1 others.

3.0 *MELLERSTAIN* NOVICES CHASE (£1,272: 2m 196yd) (16)

1 4PU4 BARONY ISLE 60 (D,S) N Crump 7-11-7 .... C Hawkins
2 P212 TACTICO 14 (D,S) W Fairgrieve 6-11-7 .... J Hansen
4 -00P BESSACARR BOY 167 G Richards 7-11-0 .... P Tuck
5 F-U2 BIG ASH 25 (D,BF,F,G) Jimmy Fitzgerald 6-11-0 *M Dwyer*
11 12-P GOLDEN HOLLY 49 (F,S) T Dalgetty 10-11-0 .... T Reed
12 00/0 HELLO HENRY 14 M Naughton 7-11-0 .... P Harte (7)
13 0332 JODY'S BOY 22 (B,D,F) R Swiers 7-11-0 Mr S Swiers (7)
15 02F0 KEVINO 22 (BF) W A Stephenson 6-11-0 .... C Grant
16 004U MILLSTREAK 14 Mrs D Culham 8-11-0 .... A Orkney
17 PP PARKLYN 147 R Layland 10-11-0 .... J Davies
18 0P/0 SHOOT THE RAPIDS 16 (CD,F) W Sample 8-11-0 Mr C Sample (7)
19 R-PU SHOW NO MERCY 30 R Woodhouse 9-11-0 ... B Ellison
20 P042 THE CIDER AND BUN 16 (D,F) W Storey 8-11-0 *Fiona Storey*
21 00-0 THOMOND 14 J Love 8-11-0 .... Mr S Love
22 0000 THORBELL ARCH 21 (D,F,G) R Gray 9-11-0 ... B Storey
23 P04F WATERNISH POINT 14 J S Wilson 9-11-0 .... P Niven

BETTING: 3-1 Big Ash, 9-2 Tactico, 6-1 Jody's Boy, 15-2 Barony Isle, 8-1 Kevino, 10-1 Bessacarr Boy, 12-1 others.

3.30 SMT UNITED BORDER HUNT CHASE (Amateurs: £1,016: 3m) (7 runners)

1 1111 *FLYING ACE 11 (CD,F,S) A Calder 12-12-7* Miss D Calder (7)
2 3-11 SECRET BRAE 21 (CD,G,S) H Barclay 8-12-7 G Robinson (7)
4 /13-3 HUMMELMOOR 35 (D,G) A Mactaggart 11-12-4 D Mactaggart (7)
6 -212 MYSTIC MUSIC 35 (F) Miss H Wilson 9-12-2 K Anderson (7)
7 3040 BENTOM BOY 19 (D,F,G,S) M Sample 13-12-0 C Sample (4)
12 DEREKS DAUGHTER Mrs J Askew 8-11-9 *Miss F Tate (7)*
13 B03/ SATINANDA 704 F Walton 10-11-9 .... J Walton

BETTING: 2-1 Flying Ace, 5-2 Secret Brae, 3-1 Mystic *Music, 8-1 Hummelmoor*, 12-1 Bentom Boy, 25-1 others.

4.0 LAINGS THE JEWELLER DIAMOND STAKES NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,532: 2m) (20)

1 3001 CASUAL PASS (D) G Richards 5-12-2 .... P Tuck
3 2210 LOTTIE'S FURY (CD) W A Stephenson 4-11-7 .. C Grant
5 0013 GREEN TOPS (D) M Avison 6-11-3 .... R Marley (4)
7 0302 CRASH MARKET R Fisher 6-10-12 .... —
8 2-00 TIP-TAP G Moore 6-10-10 .... S Turner (7)
11 4000 TEREBINTH J Charlton 5-10-4 .... T Reed
13 P00 BELLEPHERON W Storey 5-10-3 .... Fiona Storey
17 042 TREBLEIM T Barnes 4-10-0 .... P A Farrell (4)
20 P400 TREBONKERS T Craig 4-10-0 .... J O'Gorman (7)
24 0030 WE'LL MEET AGAIN R Allan 11-10-0 .... B Storey
27 0044 BE MY PROSPECT Miss M Bell 4-10-0 .... M Dwyer
28 0032 MARKET SPIRIT P Liddle 4-10-0 .... T P White (7)
32 PUPP J R DISCOUNTS A Brown 7-10-0 .... D Dutton
33 0P03 SHESHOONS LAST W McGhie 8-10-0 .... P Niven
34 0P40 EFFICIENT Miss M Benson 5-10-0 .... J Hansen
35 040- ARMITAGE D Yeoman 6-10-0 .... C Hawkins
37 0040 HABAT'S MELODY Mrs D Culham 7-10-0 ..... A Orkney
39 0000 SUEDE LADY P Beaumont 5-10-0 .... Mrs A Farrell (4)
40 0B00 MR PANACHE J Hubbuck 6-10-0 .... —
41 0000 ASSEMBLY P Monteith 5-10-0 .... D Nolan

BETTING: 4-1 *Lottie's Fury*, 5-1 *Market Spirit*, 6-1 Trebleim, 7-1 Casual Pass, 8-1 Crash Market, 10-1 others.

4.30 HADDINGTON JUBILEE CUP HANDICAP CHASE (£2,148: 2m 6f) (9)

2 3300 CENTRE ATTRACTION 4 (C,F,G,S) G Richards 9-11-10 P Tuck
5 2131 CHIPCHASE 22 (F,G,S) B Wilkinson 8-11-1 ..... *M Dwyer*
6 2431 HIGH EDGE GREY 21 (CD,G) K Oliver 7-11-0 ... T Reed
7 3-P0 CLONSHARAGH 13 (F) A Mactaggart 12-10-12 Mr D Mactaggart (7)
10 12-2 JACK OF CLUBS 13 (G,S) B McLean 8-10-5... B Storey
11 4PP0 ROYAL BOWLER 16 (D,G) J Charlton 9-10-5 .... P Niven
12 34P0 TASAR 29 (CD,F,G) W A Stephenson 7-10-4 .... C Grant
13 2300 *SNOW BLESSED 13 (C,F,G,S) C Alexander 11-10-0* J O'Gorman (7)
14 2000 ANOTHER FLAME 16 (F,G,S) W Storey 11-10-0 A Carroll

BETTING: 9-4 Chipchase, 11-4 High Edge Grey, 6-1 Jack Of Clubs, 15-2 Centre Attraction, 8-1 Tasar, 14-1 others.

5.0 ROXBURGHE HANDICAP *HURDLE* (£911: 2m) (13)

1 30-P BALLYARRY 18 (CD,F,G) W A Stephenson 6-12-7 C Grant
2 -12F ROCKMARTIN 18 (D,BF,F,S) C Thornton 6-11-12 D Wilkinson
4 -004 SHERMAN GUTREY 18 (D,G,S) G Richards 7-11-5 P Tuck
5 1301 REGAL REFORM 22 (D,S) G Moore 5-11-5 ..... M Dwyer
6 P404 KATY QUICK 11 (D,S) M Naughton 7-11-3 .. P Harte (7)
7 002- TREYARNON 9 (CD,F,S) P Monteith 6-10-13 .... D Nolan
8 1UR0 DOWEGIAN 33 (D,F,G,S) Miss Z Green 7-10-10 Mr P Doyle (7)
9 0403 GODOUNOV 13 (CD,G) W Storey 5-10-9 .... A Carroll
10 4000 PRICEOFLOVE 53 (CD,G,S) D Moffatt 8-10-9 . K Teelan
11 0003 POLYGONUM 5 (D,S) P Haley 6-10-9 .... S Turner (7)
13 3FFF MOLLY CAREW 63 (S) D Moffatt 8-10-6 ..... K Ryan (4)
16 0000 TINA'S BRIG 33 (G,S) P Daley 7-10-0 .... A Somers (7)
20 00P0 POKEREE 88 T Craig 5-10-0 .... J O'Gorman (7)

BETTING: 100-30 Rockmartin, 5-1 Regal Reform, 6-1 *Polygonum*, 13-2 *Sherman Gutrey*, 8-1 *others*.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: A Calder, 5 winners from 8 runners, 62.5%; R Fisher, 9 from 33, 27.3%; G Moore, 6 from 27, 22.2%; Mrs G Reveley, 12 from 58, 20.7%; G Richards, 13 from 68, 19.1%; E Robson, 3 from 18, 16.7%.

JOCKEYS: Miss D Calder, 5 winners from 8 rides, 62.5%; P Tuck, 15 from 71, 21.1%; Mr J Walton, 5 from 35, 14.3%; P Niven, 9 from 63, 14.3%; R Marley, 3 from 24, 12.5%; Mr D Mactaggart, 3 from 27, 11.1%.

Bath results

Going: good to firm

2.15 (1m 8yd) 1, *DEAR MIFF* (P Bloomfield, 16-1); 2, **Mayfair Moss** (J Reid, 11-2); 3, **Derry Rhythm** (T Quinn, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 5 fav Future Gamble, 6 Chief Hotfoot, 13-2 Whistling Tiger, 10 Space Lab, 12 Another Year, 14 Epplette (4th), Canon's Court, 16 Esprit De Feu (*5th*), *Laughing-Missie, Piney Point (5th)*, Shiryon, 33 Brave Steed, Colonel Bilston. 16 ran. 1½l, ¾l, sh hd, 2½l, ¾l. A Bailey at Newmarket. Tote: £60.90; £12.30, £1.80, £11.00. DF: £192.00. CSF: £97.46. Bought in for 1,450gns.

2.46 (1m 3f 150yd) 1, **ALKHARIF** (Pat Eddery, 11-2); 2, **Welsh Guide** (B Raymond, 9-4 fav); 3, **Siesta Key** (T Ives, 5-2). ALSO: 13-2 Nomadic Way (4th), 12 Impunity (6th), 16 Dwadme (5th), Easy Time, Solitary Reaper, Thirsty First, 25 Steady State, 50 Arctic Baron, Star Of Oughterard. 12 ran. nk, ½l, 4l, 3l, nk. P *Walwyn at Lambourn*. Tote: £5.40; £1.70, £1.80, £1.80. DF: £6.80. CSF: £18.46. After a stewards' inquiry the result stood.

3.15 (*1m 2f 50yd*) 1, **GOLDEN WAVE** (W Carson, 3-1); 2, **Acajou** (J Reid, 13-8 fav); 3, **Dead Net** (S Cauthen, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 5-2 Babil (4th), 33 Malmunster (5th). 5 ran. 1l, 5l, 2½l, 12l. W Hern at West Ilsley. Tote: £3.30; £1.40, £1.20. DF: £3.90. CSF: £7.95.

3.45 (1m 3f 150yd) 1, **MERCE CUNNINGHAM** (W Carson, 11-8 fav); 2, **Song Of Sixpence** (T Ives, 12-1); 3, **Picea** (B Raymond, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Rio Piedras, 10 Go West (5th), 16 Cathedral Peak, 20 Arbitrage, Jabaraba, Due Diligence, 25 Baby Boy (4th), Benissa Ryder, 33 Star Of Ireland, Emmas Whisper, Fourth Protocol. 14 ran. 3l, 1½l, ¾l, 1½l, 5l. W Hern at West Ilsley. Tote: £2.50; £1.60, £2.90, £3.00. DF: £15.20. CSF: £19.00. *Tricast*: £95.73.

4.15 (5f) 1, **PADDY CLARK** (J Reid, 33-1); 2, **Green's Landscape** (T Quinn, 11-4 *jt-fav*); 3, ***Runner Duck*** *(J Williams, 33-1)*. ALSO RAN: 11-4 jt-fav Desert Vixen (5th), 9-2 Lovely Ears (6th), 6 Dancer By Nature, 11 Rochallor, 12 Samson-Agonistes, Spanish Oak (4th), 16 Deep Shadow, 20 Always Ready, Miami Pride, 33 Little Home, Juscris. 14 ran. ¾l, 2½l, sh hd, hd, 2l. L Holt at Basingstoke. Tote: £61.10; £10.40, £2.10, £8.80. DF: £145.50. CSF: £127.03.

4.45 (1m 3f 150yd) 1, **LAKE MISSION** (T Quinn, 4-1); 2, ***Red Hackle*** *(T Ives, 7-2 jt-fav)*; 3, **Don Fiorenzo** (W Carson, 7-2 jt-fav). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Sunny Heights (6th), 8 Ecu d'Or (4th), 10 French Daddy, 16 Go Forum, 20 Edenlad, Kirtlington, Milstock, 33 Elysian Warrior, Rowlandsons Gems. 12 ran. 2l, 2l, 2l, 2l, 2l. P Cole at Whatcombe. Tote: £4.90; £2.00, £1.60, £1.90. DF: £14.40. CSF: £18.92.

5.15 (1m 8yd) 1, **SET PATTERN** (T Ives, 10-1); 2, **Viking Venture** (G Bardwell, 16-1); 3, **Westmead** (R Hills, 10-1); 4, **Thethingaboutitis** (W Carson, 2-1 fav). ALSO RAN: 4 Colombiere, 8 Vison Gris, 12 Alipura, 14 Sayant (5th), 16 Saxton (*5th*), *Unexpected Guest*, 25 Dusky Nancy, 33 Follow The Drum, Dyfed, Chic-Anita, Charcoal Burner, Shanghai Bowler, Coqueta. 17 ran. Sh hd, ¾l, 2½l, 2l, 2½l. I Balding at Kingsclere. Tote: £8.50; £2.50, £3.60, £2.00, £1.90. DF: £76.20. CSF £148.45. Tricast £1,489.39. After stewards' enquiry, result stood.

Placepot: £243.40

Thirsk

Going: good to firm

2.0 (5f) 1, **TIME TO GO HOME** (A Culhane, 5-2 fav); 2, **Tenter Close** (K Bradshaw, 11-2); 3, **Red Rosein** (Kim Tinkler, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 3 Denham Green (5th), 11-2 Done Better, 20 Kong (6th), Pooka (4th). 7 ran. NR: Thorpe Hall. 6l, nk, 1½l, 1½l, hd. R Hollinshead at Upper *Longdon. Tote: £3.40; £2.10, £2.90*. DF: £11.10. CSF: £15.28.

2.30 (1m) 1, **MOODY MAN** (M Birch, 11-10 fav); 2, **Seleucia** (A Clark, 4-1); 3, **Big Aitch** (R Cochrane, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 8 Oh So Lucky, 8 Orient Grey, 12 Navaresque, 16 Baccarole, 20 Patrick James (4th), Heartsease, Bidders Princess, Coalbridge Builder, Cosmic Ray, Dancing Idol, 25 Jackson Blue, Sir Tangs Gift (5th), 33 Nutacre (6th), Energetic Spark, Il Padrino Uno. 18 ran. 1l, 1½l, 2½l, 2l, hd. M H Easterby at Great Habton. Tote: £2.40; £1.30, £2.00, £2.10. DF: £3.70. CSF: £8.35. No bid.

3.0 (6f) 1, **OLYMPIC CHALLENGER** (Dana Mellor, 11-2); 2, **Tamas Dad** (A Proud, 14-1); 3, **Glow Again** (K Darley, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 7-4 fav Runaway (6th), 6 Mandrake Madam, 7 The Devil's Music (4th), 10 Tobermory Boy, 12 Sully's Choice, 14 Chaplins Club, Crofter's Cline (5th), 16 Dancing Belle, 20 Stelby, Philip. 13 ran. Hd, 1l, 1½l, hd, 1l. J Berry at *Cockerham. Tote: £5.10; £1.10, £5.00,* £7.80. DF: £62.20. CSF £81.25. Tricast £964.71.

3.30 (2m) 1, ***JAMAICA GEORGE*** (M Gallagher, 9-4 fav); 2, **Multihands** (R Curant, 16-1); 3, **Poteen Paddy** (J Lowe, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 1-2 Dreaming Star, 8 Far Over Struy (6th), 9 One For The Pot (4th), 10 Kraybourne (5th), Whiskey Trail, 12 Georgian Melody. 9 ran. NR: Orchard Street. Hd, 1½l, 3l, 25l, 8l. R Simpson at Upper Lambourn. Tote: £2.90; £1.20, *£6.50, £1.70. DF: £52.90. CSF: £34.48.*

4.0 (1m 4f) 1, **PATHERO** (L Charnock, 13-8 fav: **Michael Seely's nap & Private *Handicapper's top rating***); 2, **Cranchester** (K Darley, 14-1); 3, **What A Line** (J Lowe, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Miss Lamb (5th), 6 Lotus Island, 7 Bean Boy (6th), 10 Golden Fancy, 14 Burcroft (4th), 16 Alpha Helix, 20 Miss Mariposa, Space Trooper, 33 Philotas, Fajir. 13 ran. ½l, 1l, ½l, ½l, 3l. N Bycroft at Brandsby. Tote: £2.70; £1.40, £5.50, £2.10. DF: £89.80. CSF: £27.18. Tricast: £150.01

4.30 (6f) 1, **MARTIAL LAW** (N Connorton, 4-1: **Mandarin's nap**); 2, **My Objective** (R Cochrane, 11-1); 3, **Full Blast** (A Culhane, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 7-4 fav *Wattlemeade, 8 Diaco (5th), 10 Marksiyle*, 12 Final Pass, 14 Pelorus (4th), Susans Reel (6th), 16 Lono Tiku, Arbory Street, Catalani, Decoy Express, Cherry Chap, 20 Constant Companion, 33 Couture Tights, Gold Walk, Swiss Ball, Flight Fantasy, Pichon. 20 ran. 1l, 2½l, hd, sh hd, nk. J W Watts at Richmond. Tote: £3.90; £2.40, £2.60, £8.80. DF: £25.50. CSF: £55.92.

5.0 (1m) 1, **GOLDEN BEAU** (Dale Gibson, 7-2 fav); 2, **Moores Metal** (G Hind, 12-1); 3, **Ciren Jester** (A Spence, 5-1) dead heated with **In A Spin** (A Munroe, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 O I Oyston, 7 *Heavenly Hoofer*, 17-2 Jane's Brave Boy, 14 Dancing Tom, Keep Cool, Oh Danny Boy, 25 Well Rigged, Snake Eye (6th), Undershaft, Eleven Lights, Star Maestro, *Hitchenstown, Hoptons Chance (f), Molly* Partridge (5th). 18 ran. Hd, 1l, dd ht, ¾l, sh hd. M Naughton at Richmond. Tote: £4.30; £1.50, £3.00, Ciren Jester £1.50, In A Spin £6.00. DF: £23.40. CSF: £43.24. Tricast: Golden Beau, Moores Metal and Ciren Jester: £94.94. Golden Beau, Moores *Metal* and In A Spin: £205.49. After a stewards' inquiry, result stood.

Placepot: £223.50

Jarvis inquiry

Former trainer Alan Jarvis appears *before the Jockey Club* today to answer allegations that he has committed a breach of Rule 201 (v), which deals with "deliberately misleading or endeavouring to mislead Jockey Club officials." It is a continuation of the inquiry held on June 22, last year, which was adjourned.

Easy winner eyes Chester

Time To Go Home, the *5-2* favourite, emerged as a likely runner for the Lily Agnes Stakes at Chester next week, after completing a quick double with a victory in the Whitwell Stakes by six lengths from Tenter Close at Thirsk yesterday.

The winner was following up a victory at Beverley last Friday and was greeted in the winner's enclosure by his owner, Peter Savill, who 30 minutes later had another winner when Moody Man came storming through to *lead close home in the Ness* Selling Stakes.

Savill said: "I've been sending horses to Thirsk for 10 years without a winner – and now I bring off a double."

Moody Man lost nearly 20 lengths at the start, as Coatbridge Builder settled down in front. Seleucia led a furlong from home and looked the likely winner, but Mark Birch, riding for Peter Easterby, came with a powerful finish to score by a length.

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CRICKET: SOMERSET TUMBLE TO DEFEAT ON A RAIN-AFFECTED FIRST DAY OF THE BENSON AND HEDGES CUP

Hampshire steered to welcome win by Nicholas

By Ivo Tennant

TAUNTON (Somerset won the toss): Hampshire (2pts) beat Somerset by five wickets.

After being defeated in two days by Surrey and falling short of their target last Sunday, it will have come as quite a relief to Hampshire to return to winning ways. There is, too, the small matter of the Benson and Hedges Cup being a competition which they have never won.

No one is more conscious of this than Mark Nicholas, the Hampshire captain, who made the highest score yesterday and, indeed, the match-winning one. When he was out, his side still required 41 off seven overs, but they kept their heads.

It did not seem initially that Somerset would rue the absence of Crowe, who had influenza. Roebuck won the toss and was soon square-cutting Jefferies with conviction. So, too, was Felton, who gives anything short a fearful crack and once thumped Cowley straight into the sightscreen. By the 25th over they had put on 91.

Jefferies had been removed from the attack after three expensive overs from the River End. Now, upon being brought back, he bowled Felton, who had just reached his half-century with six fours off 84 balls, had Hardy caught at second slip and had Roebuck taken at the wicket.

In Crowe's absence, Waugh played his first competitive one-day match for Somerset. This is a form of the game which, coming as he does from Australia, he knows all about. To judge by the way he drove across the line at Andrew, he found this match anything but a novelty. Andrew was now in the middle of an impressive spell, finding, like Jefferies, that there was help in the pitch for anyone prepared to bend his back.

Thereafter, Somerset's innings lost its way, the middle order unable to get beyond single figures. There were shots that bespoke desperation: Marks swung across the line, Burns chased a wide one and Palmer mistimed a drive.

Hampshire, then, had no need to hurry, as their was target fewer than four an over. Terry drove and cut pleasantly after Chris Smith was nicely picked up at first slip by Roebuck, and Nicholas, not timing his shots as he would quite have liked, was content to progress largely in singles.

Just before tea, Terry aimed to run Rose to third man and was taken at the wicket, but Nicholas, by now beginning to open his shoulders, reached his half-century of 107 balls

SOMERSET

N A Felton b Jefferies	50
* P M Roebuck c Parks b Jefferies	42
J J E Hardy c R Smith b Jefferies	8
S R Waugh b Andrew	7
R J Harden b Andrew	7
V J Marks lbw b Connor	9
† N D Burns c Parks b James	5
G D Rose not out	22
G V Palmer c Cowley b James	14
N Mallender not out	16
Extras (lb 9, w 7, nb 1)	17
Total (8 wkts, 55 overs)	197

A N Jones did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-91, 2-105, 3-108, 4-118, 5-128, 6-138, 7-141, 8-158.

BOWLING: Jefferies 11-0-44-3; Connor 11-3-32-1; James 11-1-37-2; Andrew 11-1-47-2; Cowley 11-4-28-0.

HAMPSHIRE

V P Terry c Burns b Rose	47
C L Smith c Roebuck b Mallender	13
* M C J Nicholas lbw b Palmer	72
R A Smith c Marks b Jones	8
D R Turner run out	3
K D James not out	21
† R J Parks not out	23
Extras (lb 10, w 3, nb 1)	14
Total (5 wkts, 53.5 overs)	201

S T Jefferies, N G Cowley, S A Andrew and C A Connor did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-22, 2-107, 3-138, 4-144, 5-155.

BOWLING: Jones 10-0-33-1; Mallender 10-3-20-1; Rose 11-1-47-1; Waugh 7-0-35-0; Marks 10.5-1-42-0; Palmer 5-0-14-1.

GOLD AWARD: S T Jefferies.

Umpires: D J Constant and B Hassan.

Holders make the best of a grim day

By Alan Lee

Headingley (Northamptonshire won toss): Yorkshire have scored 116 without loss from 27 overs.

Yorkshire's defence of the Benson & Hedges Cup began with a testing, truncated day in the wintry gloom of Headingley. It was not the start they would have chosen but, after three short spells of play totalling only 100 minutes, neither would they swap positions with Northamptonshire, the team they beat in last year's gripping final.

Martyn Moxon and Ashley Metcalfe, whose opening partnerships were such a factor last season, displayed notable character in adverse conditions. The light was never better than grim, yet in the 27 overs possible, this gifted pair surged along at better than four runs an over. It must have impressed even the critical eye of Geoffrey Boycott, appearing at a Yorkshire match for the first time since he retired in 1986.

When play resumes this morning, Yorkshire have the ideal platform for an intimidating score, which they may well need against arguably the best run-chasing team in England.

The start was delayed for almost five hours by steady rain sweeping across the ground. The rain, however, was not heavy enough to persuade the Rugby League club to turn off the sprinklers on its pitch behind the stand and, when the clouds lifted a shade, there was a gratifying urgency about the umpires and captains.

Geoff Cook's decision to bowl first was a formality, even if it did commit his fielders to frozen fingers. Two sharp chances went down, each opener being reprieved, but in general the batsmen were in control.

Metcalfe passed 80 four times in seven starts during last year's Cup run and he again looked immensely impressive, punishing anything on his legs with disdainful timing. Moxon showed the benefit of his winter with England, driving handsomely and confidently.

Both players reached 50 in the 25th over and felt in such command that the umpires' offer to go off for bad light was rejected. Two overs later, with lights on all round the ground, it was simply too dark to continue and Northamptonshire, I fancy, were the team most relieved.

YORKSHIRE

M D Moxon not out	57
A A Metcalfe not out	53
Extras (lb 1, w 1, nb 4)	6
Total (no wkt, 27 overs)	116

R J Blakey, J D Love, P E Robinson, * † D L Bairstow, A Sidebottom, P J Hartley, P W Jarvis, C Shaw and S D Fletcher to bat.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: * G Cook, W Larkins, R J Bailey, A J Lamb, R G Williams, N Stanley, † D Ripley, N G B Cook, S J Brown, W W Davis, A Walker.

Umpires: J Holder and J C Balderstone.

Surrey are caught out by Topley and Miller

By Tony Winlaw

CHELMSFORD (Surrey won toss): Essex (2pts) bt Surrey by eight wickets

Essex are enjoying the best of all starts, with a treble of comfortable victories in the past three days. They scored the 144 runs to beat Surrey with 15.1 overs to spare in the Benson and Hedges Cup zonal match.

Gooch's batting has been the feature of all their triumphs. He shared a second-wicket partnership of 97 with Prichard before being bowled by Clarke for 43. Prichard, with an attractive array of drives, finished with 68 not out.

But the two principals yesterday were Essex's only two uncapped players, Miller and Topley — both as bowlers and fieldsmen.

Topley, aged 24, spent the winter coaching and playing in South Africa, until returning home for a successful leg operation in February. At Chelmsford he opened the bowling, in the injured Foster's absence, to claim Clinton caught behind at 29. When he returned in the 33rd over he induced Lynch to top edge a catch to Pringle on the third man boundary with his first ball. His good length was justly rewarded with figures of 4 for 22

Surrey's batting downfall included four magnificent catches. Two were held in the slips by Miller, one by Border sprinting in from square leg, and the most spectacular of all by Topley, who ran from mid-on to mid-wicket to leap and somersault with ball in hand to dismiss Richards.

Essex enjoyed good fortune when Surrey were 61 for one and Smith was stumped at the second attempt. Now Surrey went helter-skelter into oblivion as three wickets fell for five runs

SURREY

G S Clinton c East b Topley	10
D M Smith st East b Miller	29
A J Stewart c Miller b Pringle	21
M A Lynch c Pringle b Topley	23
D M Ward c East b Gooch	2
† C J Richards c Topley b Lever	19
* I A Greig c Miller b Topley	8
C K Bullen c East b Lever	21
M A Feltham c Topley b Lever	1
S T Clarke c Border b Topley	4
N H Peters not out	1
Extras (lb 4)	4
Total (52.1 overs)	143

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-29; 2-61; 3-61; 4-65; 5-95; 6-105; 7-120; 8-129; 9-135.

BOWLING: Lever 9.1-1-22-3; Topley 11-2-22-4; Miller 11-2-29-1; Pringle 11-1-29-1; Gooch 10-2-37-1.

ESSEX

G A Gooch b Clarke	43
B R Hardie c Bullen b Peters	0
P J Prichard not out	68
A R Border not out	19
Extras (b 4, lb 5, w 5)	14
Total (2 wkts, 39.5 overs)	144

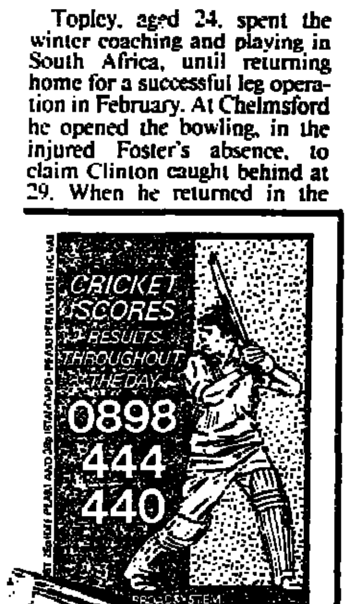
* K W R Fletcher, A W Lilley, D R Pringle, G Miller, † D E East, J K Lever and T D Topley did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-4, 2-101.

BOWLING: Clarke 10-1-23-1; Peters 8-1-24-1; Feltham 8-1-22-0; Greig 6-1-33-0; Bullen 7.5-1-33-0.

GOLD AWARD: T D Topley.

Umpires: R Julian and K J Lyons.



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Sweeping gesture: Alan Wells wafts the ball away en route to a half century against Kent (Photograph: Hugh Routledge)

Four-day crusade vindicated

By Alan Lee
Cricket Correspondent

The concept of four-day matches has polarized cricket in recent years. After one round of the tentative experiment opposition is softening. It is far too soon to be dogmatic but events of the past few days have indicated beyond dispute that the longer game does have the potential to achieve its aims.

The fact that six out of seven championship matches produced a positive result is not the persuasive argument. Six out of eight games were decisive in the corresponding week last season when played over three days. It was more the manner in which results were achieved, sometimes against all logical expectation, that was striking and it was the components within the victories that must have delighted those who have adopted the four-day theory as a perennial crusade.

There is good cause for thinking that at least three matches would have been unsatisfactory draws over three days. At Lord's, Middlesex were 109 behind on first innings, yet still had the time to construct a winning position; at Chelmsford, Essex were confronted by a Kent first innings total of 400 and needed the extra day to assert superiority; Gloucestershire overcame a stiflingly bland pitch at Bristol without artificial declarations.

More important than results, in the broad scheme of things, is quality of cricket. The prime argument used to promote the virtues of four-day cricket is that it presents a more authentic grounding for prospective Test match players, batsmen being free to build an innings without pressure of time and spin bowlers being encouraged by wearing pitches.

Even allowing for the danger of prejudging, it must be said that such arguments have so far been firmly vindicated. No fewer than 17 centuries, including three double centuries, were scored in the seven games. Significantly, the successful batsmen included Neil Burns, Steve Marsh and Bernie Maher, three talented wicket-keepers whose place at seven or eight in the batting order normally allows them no such luxuries.

Slow bowlers were also much in evidence, especially at Old Trafford and Chelmsford. While the expanded time-span permits them more work, however, it also subjects them to a merciless scrutiny and there was little to discourage the pessimistic view that there is a desperate shortage of high-class spin. Nobody, however, learns to bowl without prolonged match practice and the longer game can only help.

Much will depend on the pitches provided. The surface used at Southampton, where Hampshire were beaten in two days, was patently inappropriate; the spinners' paradise at Old Trafford was little better. This is not to say clubs should strain towards the other extreme and produce lifeless wickets — over four days there is time enough for a pitch that gives everyone a chance.

The attitude of captains is also crucial to the success and extension of the experiment. Some began the season convinced that it was a misguided idea. They are not so sure now.

Refinements must still be made but if teams continue to approach the scheme positively four-day fixtures can not only produce better-equipped players, they can also result in the better team winning more often than has previously been the case.

A reunion at Uxbridge

Clive Lloyd, West Indies' longest serving and most successful captain, will oppose several of his former colleagues when he leads a strong invitation team against the 1988 touring side in a charity game at Uxbridge on May 5, two days before the opening first class match against Sussex at Hove.

Lloyd's XI will include the Pakistan captain, Imran Khan, and his deputy, Javed Miandad, Chetan Sharma, of India, Joel Garner, the former West Indies fast bowler, Farouk Kirmani, a leading Canadian cricketer, and two young English players of West Indian background, Keith Piper and Leon Nurse.

The match, of 50 overs a side, is in aid of the Commonwealth Society for the Deaf, whose patron is the Princess of Wales.

Rain halts the Universities' vain attempt for honours

By John Woodcock

BRISTOL (Gloucestershire won toss): Combined Universities, with three wickets in hand, need 104 runs to beat Gloucestershire.

Needing 243 to win, the Combined Universities were 139 for seven after 41 overs when heavy rain ended play at Bristol yesterday. Gloucestershire had not had things entirely their own way, though there can, of course, be only one result today.

As a reflection of present standards, Durham supplied five of the Universities' side, Cambridge four, Exeter and Loughborough one each and Oxford none. Unlike the Oxford of today, Durham see themselves as being something more than a purely academic institution. As a side, the Universities fielded well (Bail, Hussain and O'Gorman quite sparkled) and bowled a good deal less plainly than Glamorgan had on the same ground on Monday. They should be gated, though, for all the hand-slapping they indulged in whenever they took a wicket: that is much better left to the West Indians.

Although it was always likely that Gloucestershire would eventually get somewhere near 250, they did have their anxious moments on the way. Fenton and Smith kept them down to 27 in the first 12 overs and bowled tidily to do so. Boiling and Harding bowled off-breaks, Harding's looking more like breaking than Boiling's and Barry was a perfectly presentable third seamer.

When Gloucestershire were 137 for five after 37 overs the first two hours had belonged to the Universities. Hussain, at long off, and Bail, at mid off, had each held a very good catch, and no one had found the bowling easy. But Athey was still there, steering the innings along.

In 15 first-class innings for Gloucestershire since emerging from a long, lean spell at the start of last August, Athey has scored 1,084 runs at an average of 98.5, and there was no question now of his letting up for the Benson and Hedges. So, with Bainbridge also earning his keep and 65 runs coming from their last 10 overs, Gloucestershire in the end got all they were likely to need.

Although the scorecard may suggest otherwise, the Universities looked as though they could bat, which made their reply more disappointing. Alderman was horribly steady with the new ball, moving it around this way and that and testing technique as well as patience. Bail, in the first over, and O'Gorman were both leg before to him, as Atherton was, half forward, to Curran.

Hussain and Atkinson then added 51 with some style before Atkinson was run out in a nasty little muddle which found them both at the same end. There was a nice little innings to come, conducted mostly on the back foot, from Speight; but it was already a question only of whether Gloucestershire would win before it rained. Somewhat inconveniently, they failed.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE

A Stovold c Hussain b Boiling	42
A J Wright c Atkinson b Barry	11
M W Alleyne b Fenton	9
C W J Athey c Hussain b Barry	82
J W Lloyds c Bail b Harding	20
K M Curran c Atherton b Boiling	1
P Bainbridge c Boiling b Barry	47
D J Thomas not out	12
* D A Graveney not out	2
Extras (lb 8, w 8)	16
Total (7 wkts, 55 overs)	242

† A J Brassington and T M Alderman did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-43, 2-55, 3-83, 4-120, 5-135, 6-220, 7-232.

Bowling: Fenton 11-0-31-1; Smith 11-2-45-0; Barry 10-0-52-3; Harding 11-0-54-1; Boiling 11-0-44-2; Atherton 1-0-8-0.

COMBINED UNIVERSITIES

P A C Bail lbw b Alderman	0
T O'Gorman lbw b Alderman	14
* M A Atherton lbw b Curran	0
N Hussain c Athey b Bainbridge	44
J C M Atkinson run out	24
† M Speight not out	46
T M Barry c Alderman b Alleyne	6
G Harding b Alleyne	0
M Smith not out	0
Extras (lb 1, w 2, nb 2)	5
Total (seven wkts, 41 overs)	139

J Boiling and N C W Fenton to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-8, 3-18, 4-69, 5-93, 6-15, 7-126.

Umpires: D L Evans and D S Thomsett.

Kent bowlers are back in business

By Geoffrey Wheeler

Kent's bowlers, battered unmercifully by the Essex batsmen in the record breaking championship match at Chelmsford, regained confidence and composure against Sussex at Hove in yesterday's Benson and Hedges Cup game. By restricting Sussex to 207 for seven in 55 overs they left their own batsmen with a comfortable victory target, achieved with seven wickets and five overs to spare.

Kent were grateful for the steadiness of Ellison and Underwood's successor, Davis, who took two wickets in 10 overs while conceding only 33 runs.

Alan Wells, with 53, alone threatened the bowlers' control until the eighth wicket pair, Standing and Pringle, added 53 in the last seven overs of the innings. Hinks, with an unbeaten 78 played the anchor role for Kent who always had the task well in hand against a limited attack. They went quietly until tea, taken at 123 for three, before Christopher Cowdrey helped hurry the match to a conclusion.

Clive Rice, leading **Scotland** for the first time, was one of the few batsmen to come to terms with **Derbyshire**'s strong hand of quick bowlers in the tie at Glasgow, where rain prevented a start until after lunch. Rice reached 32 before he was caught behind off Newman and the innings declined rapidly to 148 for nine after Holding, still pretty brisk at the age of 34, had removed Pauline, top scorer with 42. Barnett, the Derbyshire captain, hit 66 to put his side on course for victory

For all the experience in their ranks, **Minor Counties** were unable to cause **Nottinghamshire** any problems at Trent Bridge and were beaten by eight wickets. Only two batsmen got beyond 20 against the hostile Saxelby, who took five for 21, his best figures in the competition.

YESTERDAY'S OTHER SCOREBOARDS

Notts v Minor C

TRENT BRIDGE:(Minor Counties won toss) Nottinghamshire (2 pts) beat Minor Counties by eight wickets.

MINOR COUNTIES

D W Varey c Newell b Saxelby	5
C J Stockdale c French b Stephenson	9
R D V Knight lbw b Pick	18
S P Henderson b Saxelby	6
* S G Plumb c French b Saxelby	21
G R J Roope c Robinson b Saxelby	18
† M A Garnham c French b Stephenson	0
S Turner c French b Saxelby	2
S Greensword c Saxelby b Stephenson	21
A J Webster b Stephenson	12
S Edwards not out	2
Extras (lb 12, w 6, nb 1)	19
Total (54.2 overs)	133

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-13, 2-24, 3-43, 4-51, 5-89, 6-90, 7-92, 8-92, 9-130.

BOWLING: Stephenson 10.2-2-14-4; Pick 11-2-41-1; Cooper 11-4-28-0; Saxelby 11-4-21-5; Hemmings 11-2-17-0.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

B C Broad b Knight	52
* R T Robinson c Roope b Plumb	24
M Newell not out	31
P Johnson not out	22
Extras (b 1, lb 3, w 1, nb 3)	8
Total (2 wkts, 31 overs)	137

F D Stephenson, † B N French, E E Hemmings, R A Pick, K Saxelby and K Cooper did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-62, 2-98.

BOWLING: Webster 5-0-19-0; Turner 6-0-21-0; Edwards 4-1-23-0, Plumb 9-0-34-1; Knight 7-0-36-1.

GOLD AWARD: K Saxelby.

Umpires: H D Bird and D J Meyer.

Sussex v Kent

HOVE (Sussex won toss): Kent (2 pts) beat Sussex by seven wickets.

SUSSEX

A M Green c Marsh b Kelleher	24
N J Lenham c Marsh b Alleyne	8
* P W G Parker b C S Cowdrey	10
A P Wells st Marsh b Davis	53
C M Wells b Davis	1
† I J Gould c Hinks b C S Cowdrey	19
S J S Kimber c C S Cowdrey b G R Cowdrey	9
D K Standing not out	42
M W Pringle not out	19
Extras (lb 12, w 3, nb7)	22
Total (7 wkts, 55 overs)	207

R A Bunting and A M Babington did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-23, 2-37, 3-51, 4-61, 5-96, 6-113, 7-154.

BOWLING: Ellison 11-3-30-0; Alleyne 9-0-43-1; C S Cowdrey 10-1-40-2; Kelleher 11-2-43-1; Davis 10-1-33-2; G R Cowdrey 4-2-6-1.

KENT

M R Benson c Gould b Pringle	14
N R Taylor lbw b Kimber	31
S G Hinks not out	78
C Tavaré b Bunting	31
* C S Cowdrey not out	40
Extras (b 2, lb 5, w 1, nb 6)	14
Total (three wkts, 49.2 overs)	208

G R Cowdrey, † S A Marsh, R M Ellison, D J M Kelleher, R P Davis and H L Alleyne did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-24, 2-70, 3-119.

BOWLING: Pringle 9-2-33-1; Bunting 11-0-38-1; Standing 4-1-17-0; Babington 11-0-43-0; Kimber 11-1-42-1; Lenham 2-0-18-0; A M Wells 1-0-9-0; Parker 0.2-0-3-0.

GOLD AWARD; S G Hinks.

Umpires: J H Harris and A Whitehead.

Scotland v Derbyshire

Glasgow (Derbyshire won toss): Derbyshire (2 pts) beat Scotland by 7 wickets.

SCOTLAND

I L Philip c Morris b Holding	3
K Scott c Morris b Mortensen	0
R G Swan b Newman	13
* C E B Rice c Maher b Newman	32
D B Pauline c Maher b Holding	42
† M J Smith b Warner	20
J W Govan c and b Holding	12
P G Duthie not out	5
D Fleming b Warner	4
E J McIntyre run out	6
Extras (lb 8, w 2, nb 1)	11
Total (9 wkts, 55 overs)	148

C L Parfitt did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5 2-5 3-44 4-58 5-100 6-128 7-132 8-137 9-148.

BOWLING: Holding 11-2-22-3; Mortensen 11-2-31-1; Newman 11-2-21-2; Warner 11-1-37-2; Bowler 11-3-29-0.

DERBYSHIRE

* K J Barnett c Govan b McIntyre	66
P D Bowler c Rice b Parfitt	19
B Roberts c Swan b Parfitt	7
J E Morris not out	19
S C Goldsmith not out	27
Extras (b 3, lb 6, w 1, nb 1)	11
Total (3 wkts, 45 overs)	149

† B J H Maher, R J Finney, P G Newman, A E Warner, M A Holding and O H Mortensen did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-71, 2-90, 3-104.

BOWLING: Rice 9-1-31-0; Duthie 7-1-28-0; Govan 7-1-31-0; Parfitt 11-3-27-2; McIntyre 11-3-23-1.

GOLD AWARD: K J Barnett.

Umpires: B Leadbeater and J Bond.

Shattering spell by DeFreitas

By Jack Bailey

LEICESTER: Lancashire are 46 for six in reply to Leicestershire's 213 for 8. Lancashire won the toss.

Adverse conditions have left this Benson and Hedges Cup match in the lap of the Gods. One more over is required before any result can be obtained and if the weather relents, there are 36 overs for Lancashire to recover from disaster.

Containing Leicestershire to 213 for eight wickets looked, on the face of it, to have been a sound, if not exhilarating performance by the Lancashire bowlers. Sound, that is, until the whole balance of the game was transformed by DeFreitas and his contemporary from Willesden High School, Lewis.

Almost before they had taken guard, Fowler, Mendis and Fairbrother had been despatched by DeFreitas, bowling fast. Lancashire had five runs on the board and the England bowler had taken three wickets for eight balls.

Lewis, even sharper than DeFreitas on this evidence, weighed in with the wickets of Hughes and Watkinson with successive balls and when bad light stopped play, Lancashire had lost six of their best for only 46 runs.

Jesty had contributed more than half of these and Lancashire's chances cannot be discounted while he is lurking, four-square and solid at the crease. He has already performed nobly as a bowler in Lancashire's hour of need, taking five wickets after Boon and Willey, in a stand of 120, had put Leicestershire on the right road. After dismissing Willey Jesty chipped away at the middle order, bowling line and length and moving the ball just enough through the air.

LEICESTERSHIRE

N E Briers c Hegg b Allott	1
T J Boon b Allott	53
P Willey c Watkinson b Jesty	59
* D I Gower c Simmons b Watkinson	14
L Potter c Hegg b Jesty	19
J Benson not out	37
P A J DeFreitas c Mendis b Jesty	1
C C Lewis c Hegg b Jesty	2
† P Whitticase c Hegg b Jesty	4
J P Agnew not out	5
Extras (b 2, lb 6, w 9, nb 1)	18
Total (8 wkts, 55 overs)	213

L P Taylor did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-128, 3-131, 4-152, 5-172, 6-174, 7-182, 8-190.

BOWLING: Matthews 5-0-17-0; Allott 11-4-19-2; Watkinson 10-0-48-1; Hayhurst 8-1-27-0; Simmons 10-0-55-0; Jesty 11-0-39-5.

LANCASHIRE

G Fowler c Lewis b DeFreitas	0
G D Mendis b DeFreitas	1
* D P Hughes b Lewis	12
N H Fairbrother c Whitticase b DeFreitas	0
T E Jesty not out	25
M Watkinson lbw b Lewis	0
A N Hayhurst lbw b Taylor	3
† W K Hegg not out	3
Extras (w 2)	2
Total (6 wkts, 19 overs)	46

P J W Allott, J Simmons and C D Matthews to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-2, 3-5, 4-30, 5-30, 6-33.

Umpires: D O Oslear and R A White.

Small empires of snooker

Sport in danger of running out of control

COMMENTARY

David Miller

Chief Sports Correspondent

Nothing could have been a more appealing advertisement for a sport than last weekend's second round match between Stephen Hendry and Jimmy White in the Embassy world professional snooker championship at the Crucible Theatre, Sheffield: two immaculately behaved young men playing, at a gallop, a game of fascinatingly complex geometry with a finesse that was enviable to millions of laymen.

Yet the past year has seen snooker experience the kind of continual and scandalous adverse publicity which, in another era of circuses, could have put Bertram Mills, the Marx brothers, or *Mrs Dale's Diary* out of business. The catalogue of drug exposures and drinking, never mind the ongoing domestic crises of anti-hero Alex Higgins, made television's dream sport look very sick. The irony was that snooker walked into the trap by its own willingness to engage in drug-testing.

However, the all too evident lack of administrative discipline was compounded by the fact that the game was becoming repetitive, and boring. Everyone was anxious to see the unrivalled leading performer, the irreproachable Steve Davis, get a walloping. Where was the sport going?

"Yes, we've had a bad year," John Virgo, the chairman of the World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association (WPBSA) admits. He himself did not help by inexplicably revealing a minor flirtation, 12 years ago, with cannabis; something which several respectable medical friends of mine have done in order to understand the sensation. Virgo's indiscretion was the revelation, not the act, for it instantly flawed his credibility.

Generation of old faithfuls vanished

Talking to those assembled in Sheffield, there was apparent a unanimity on the need for a governing body of a sport expanding so fast it is in danger of running out of control: in particular, of developing rival commercial factions. What is equally obvious is that the WPBSA, a limited company with the objective of making a profit for its carefully-limited membership, is constitutionally incapable of effectively being such a governing body.

"One fellow professional cannot judge another, it is impossible to act," Barry Hearn, manager and adviser of Davis, says. That is a truism for all sport, and too infrequently recognized. Hearn, entrepreneur and agent for boxing as well as snooker, exerts the most influential force with his Matchroom group which includes Davis, White, Foulds, Griffiths and Taylor

That influence, and rivalry with the WPBSA, will expand with the new World Match Play tournament, promoted by Hearn with Frank Warren and scheduled for London's Docklands with a first prize of £100,000. The tournament will be televised to 44 countries compared with 20 for the World Championship.

The WPBSA was acceptable enough as an administrative fulcrum a few years back, when Ray Reardon, Rex Williams, and a few others went on seemingly for ever. Suddenly, the old faithfuls vanished. It was now a young man's game. The magical, manic Higgins had lit the flame. Davis brought youth, and dignity. Parrott, Foulds, and now Hendry followed

Two-tier system of tournaments

"Within another five years, the top 16 players will be under 25," Ian Doyle, Hendry's manager, says. Moreover, he predicts that Hendry, so exceptional at 19, will not see out the century as a leading player.

At present, only the bottom 10 ranked professionals are obliged to play off annually against the best amateurs looking for a "pro ticket": and the professionals usually lose. Doyle wants a two-division system of tournaments, with 32 new players admitted each year, with the second division playing a satellite league primarily financed by live-audiences. Snooker must move more into the big cities, he says, where potential is untapped.

Such development, and the integration of Hearn's World Match Play, needs the kind of business acumen which players such as Virgo cannot be expected to possess. A new executive council urgently needs to be formed.

Hearn resigned from the WPBSA board because of his vested interests; which are symptomatic, he says, of the board's present impossible constitution, and its disinterestedness. Only 10 players attended the last AGM.

Hearn and Doyle are agreed that the appointment of a chief executive is essential, either a lawyer or accountant, working with a four-man council to handle marketing, sponsorship, and television, not to mention discipline.

Who is going to take the initiative, however, and who will relent on existing individual stances? While Hearn is busy developing the game in the Far East, Doyle believes that Europe should become the main market. It is the old story of conflicting small empires. Altruism is called for.

YACHTING

Women show the way

From Barry Pickthall, Hyères, France

Britain's women continued to spearhead medal hopes at the French pre-Olympic regatta here yesterday, with Cathy Foster and Jackie Patton finishing sixth in the women's 470 class to stand second overall, 10 points behind West Germany's Meyer and Adlkofer.

Britain's previous high-flyers, Debbie Jarvis and Susan Hay, fell victim to yesterday's unpredictable five-to-ten knot shifting breeze crossing the line 27th, but the second and third they have scored in previous rounds helped them maintain third overall in this high-scoring series.

Another to stand third overall yesterday was the British Finn sailor, Tim Tavinor, despite an indifferent 14th placing. Stuart Childerley and Lawrence Crispin, Tavinor's rivals for Britain's single-hander berth at the Olympics later this year, both suffered in the shifting breeze finishing the day a disappointing 35th and 58th

EVENING RACING

Folkestone

Going: good to firm

5.0 (2¼m hdle) 1, **Master Bam** (J Frost, 9-4); 2, Docklands Express (9-4); 3, Tis Frank Again (2-1 fav). 10 ran. NR: Peterlona. 2l, 12l. R Frost. Tote: £3.00; £1.20, £2.50, £1.00. DF: £4.40. CSF: £7.58.

5.30 (2m 100yd hdle) 1, **Hogmanay** (J McLaughlin, 14-1); 2, Guessing (15-2); 3, Brunan (33-1); 4, Elegant Bill (10-1). Go South 6-1 fav. 20 ran. 1l, 20l. R Casey. Tote: £12.00; £2.10, £1.80, £10.30, £2.50. DF: £113.60. CSF: £117.90. Tricast: £3,137.32.

6.0 (2½m ch) 1, **Goodman Point** (R Rowe, 5-1); 2, Problem Child (4-1); 3, The Luckpenny Man (20-1). Bawreigh 11-4 fav. 15 ran. NR: Shanbally Boy. 1l, 7l. J Gifford. Tote: £5.10; £1.60, £3, £2.90. CSF: £25.57.

6.30 (2¾m hdle) 1, **Bold Cad** (M Bastard, 7-4 fav); 2, Hello Rocky (16-1); 3, Fishing Smack (4-1). 7 ran. NR: Cashcanon. 4l, 15l. D Greig. Tote: £2.60; £1.50, £4.70. DF: £12.50. CSF: £22.78.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

7.30 unless stated

International matches

Hungary v England (at Budapest, 4.0)

Northern Ireland v France (at Windsor Park, Belfast)

Rep of Ireland v Yugoslavia (at Dublin, 6.15)

Spain v Scotland (at Madrid)

Sweden v Wales (at Solna, 7.0)

European Under-21 Championship

Semi-finals, second leg

(First leg score in brackets)

England (2) v France (4) (at Highbury, 7.45)

Netherlands (0) v Greece (5) (at Utrecht, 6.30)

Barclays League

Third division

Bristol R v Blackpool (7.45)

Fourth division

Torquay v Darlington

GM Vauxhall Conference

Boston v Telford

Lincoln v Maidstone

Welling v Enfield

Welsh FA Cup

Semi-final, second leg

(First leg score in brackets)

Caernarfon (1) v Cardiff (2)

CENTRAL LEAGUE (7.0): First division: Aston Villa v Nottingham Forest; Hull v Everton; Sheffield United v Bradford (7.30); Sunderland v Manchester United. Second division: Blackburn v Rotherham; Darlington v Port Vale; Doncaster v Newcastle; Notts County v West Bromwich; Scunthorpe v Preston; Stoke v Oldham; Wigan v Middlesbrough; York v Bolton.

SUNDAY MIRROR COMBINATION: Oxford United v Swindon.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Gateshead v Barrow; Worksop v Bangor City. First division: Farsley v Winsford; Radcliffe v Leek.

VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: Second division: Horsham v Epsom and Ewell.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Southern division: Canterbury v Tonbridge; Poole v Corinthian

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE CUP: Final, first leg: Tottenham v Southampton.

CRICKET

Benson and Hedges Cup

11.0, to finish

BRISTOL: Gloucestershire v Combined Universities

LEICESTER: Leicestershire v Lancashire.

HEADINGLEY: Yorkshire v Northamptonshire.

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCH: South Wales Police v Llanelli (7.0).

GIROBANK CHESHIRE CUP: Final: Birkenhead Park v Winnington Park (at Chester, 6.30).

NORTHUMBERLAND CUP: Final: Gosforth v Tynedale (at County ground, 6.30).

HOCKEY

MIDDLESEX CUP: Final: Southgate v Indian Gymkhana (at Parkside Neasden, 8.0).

OTHER SPORT

GOLF: WPGA Ford classic (at Woburn).

SNOOKER: Embassy World professional championships (at Sheffield).

SPEEDWAY: Denmark v United States (at Coventry).

WEIGHTLIFTING: European championships (at National Sports Centre, Cardiff).

SPORT ON TV

FOOTBALL: ITV 3.55 p.m.: Hungary v England: Live coverage from Budapest.

MIDWEEK SPORT SPECIAL: ITV 10.35 p.m.: Football: Highlights of Hungary v England, Republic of Ireland v Yugoslavia and Spain v Scotland.

RACING: BBC1 1.50 p.m. BBC2 2.15 p.m.: 2.0, 2.30, 3.05 and 3.40 races from Ascot.

SNOOKER: BBC1 11.0 a.m.-1.0 p.m. BBC2: 2.15-5.30 (including racing from Ascot), 6-6.45, 9-9.30 p.m.: Embassy World professional championship: Coverage of the quarter-final round from Sheffield (see also Sportsnight).

SPORTSNIGHT: BBC1 10.30 p.m.: Snooker: Further coverage of the Embassy World professional championship. Greyhound racing: 1988 Greyhound TV Trophy: live coverage from Hall Green stadium, Birmingham. Cricket: The Gillette Cup began on May 1, 1963: A reflection on 25 years of one-day cricket. Rugby League: A look ahead to Silk Cut Cup final: Halifax v Wigan at Wembley on Saturday.

FOOTBALL

Peyton is called up as Bonner is given a break

From Clive White, Dublin

Despite a host of withdrawals, because of injury, from the Republic of Ireland squad, Jack Charlton, manager, of his own volition added to the absentee list here yesterday by resting Bonner, his first choice goalkeeper, for today's friendly against Yugoslavia here at Lansdowne Road.

In the Celtic goalkeeper's place he has selected Peyton even though he was performing for Bournemouth in a vital second division match at Plymouth last night. It will be Peyton's second cap in two years but his 24th altogether. "I prefer Bonner but at some stage you've got to give your deputy a game because you never know when you might need him," Charlton said.

Already denied the services of Aldridge, Brady, Sheedy, Whelan, O'Leary, Lawrenson and Quinn, the Republic may also have lost Galvin, who was sent to bed with a chest infection yesterday. Consequently, Charlton has called up Mark Kelly, a relatively inexperienced 18-year-old Portsmouth winger, who has been eligible to play for the Republic and England.

Maurice Setters, the Republic coach, said that Alan Ball, the Portsmouth manager, would have been tempted to give the youngster more of an opportunity if they had not had such a struggle on their hands. "Ball thinks the world of him," Charlton remarked. Kelly, however, is unlikely to play a full game, irrespective of Galvin's availability.

This international provides one or two of the Irish fringe players with an isolated chance of claiming a place in the squad of 20 which Charlton must name by June 1 for the European championship finals in West Germany. Hughton, the Tottenham Hotspur full back, is one who may feel that he needs a good performance to confirm his place.

David Kelly, the Walsall forward, should provide his namesake and others with all the inspiration they require. He stood little or no chance of playing on the European stage four months ago, but four goals in his first two games for the Republic have opened the door to Europe and no doubt the English first division as well.

Charlton will not be interested in excuses for defeat against Yugoslavia, no matter the strength of his side. He is looking for nothing less than an extension of their record run of results which stands at six successive victories. Following the retirement of Lawrenson and the enforced absence of Brady, Charlton has turned to McGrath to give the Irish strength and experience in midfield. He will share these duties with Sheridan, Houghton, who missed the last match against Romania, and, hopefully, Galvin.

The Yugoslavs are in the process of attemping to recover their pride against teams from the British Isles and Ireland, having defeated Wales 2-1 in Swansea last month.

REPUBLIC OF IRELAND: G Peyton (Bournemouth), C Morris (Celtic), C Hughton (Tottenham Hotspur), M McCarthy (Celtic), K Moran (Manchester United), R Houghton (Liverpool), P McGrath (Manchester United), J Sheridan (Leeds United), A Galvin (Sheffield Wednesday), F Stapleton (Ajax), D Kelly (Walsall). Substitutes: J Anderson (Newcastle United), L O'Brien (Manchester United), J Byrne (Queen's Park Rangers), M Kelly (Portsmouth), P Byrne (Shamrock Rovers).

Sexton has only two survivors

Dave Sexton, the manager, has made the expected wholesale changes to his England under-21 team for their European championship semi-final, second leg, against France at Highbury tonight.

Only two players — Perry Suckling, the goalkeeper, and Martin Keown, the central defender — survive from the makeshift team that went down 4-2 in France two weeks ago.

Included for the first time is Gary Ablett, of Liverpool, who comes in at left back for Colin Cooper, of Middlesbrough, while back to claim their regular places are Paul Davis, Michael Thomas and David Rocastle, of Arsenal, Nigel Clough and Franz Carr, of Nottingham Forest, Paul Gascoigne, of Newcastle United, Gary Porter, of Watford, and Chris Fairclough, of Tottenham Hotspur.

Sexton is still without two of his regulars, Tony Dorigo and Des Walker, both injured, but said: "This is the nearest I can be to the side that played so well to win 5-1 in Yugoslavia."

Sexton, coming up to 11 years in charge of the under-21s, said: "This is my biggest challenge since taking charge. It's a hard task to come back from two down, but it has been done before and these players have it in them to do it again."

France are boosted in midfield by the return of Franck Sauzee, who takes over from the injured Jocelyn Angloma, although injury has ruled out Jean-Luc Buisine.

ENGLAND UNDER-21: P Suckling (Crystal Palace); M Thomas (Arsenal), G Ablett (Liverpool), P Davis (Arsenal, capt), M Keown (Aston Villa), C Fairclough (Tottenham Hotspur), F Carr (Nottingham Forest), D Rocastle (Arsenal), N Clough (Nottingham Forest), P Gascoigne (Newcastle), G Porter (Watford). Substitutes: K Pressman (Sheffield Wednesday), C Cooper (Middlesbrough), D Lowe (Ipswich), S Sellars (Blackburn Rovers), S Redmond (Manchester City).

FRANCE UNDER-21: C Bernabe (Paris St Germain), B Rouzaud (Laval), C Galtier (Lille), F Silvestre (Sochaux), A Roche (Bordeaux), J-L Degon (Laval), P Despeyroux (Toulouse), F Sauzee, S Paille (both Sochaux), V Guerin (Brest), E Cantona (Auxerre). Substitutes: T Gros (St Etienne), T Pauk (Metz), F Passi (Marseille), P Avenet (Racing Paris), F Manteaux (Rennes).

● In the other semi-final, in Utrecht, The Netherlands are 5-0 down against Greece.

Mature Scotland face a tough test

From Roddy Forsyth, Madrid

Whatever the result of tonight's World Cup warm-up friendly match between Spain and Scotland in Madrid, nobody can accuse Andy Roxburgh, the Scotland manager, of failing to adopt a positive approach.

When he announced his line-up at the Scots' headquarters, close to the Santiago Bernabeu Stadium, where the game will be played, Roxburgh said: "Scottish teams are often not as fresh as we would like them to be at this time of the season, but nevertheless, we want something from this game to give us cheer. Against Spain and in the Rous Cup matches with England and Colombia, we need some indication that we are looking the part."

It is clear that most of the players selected for tonight's contest will be asked to sustain Scotland's hopes of emerging from the forthcoming World Cup qualifying campaign to reach the finals for the fifth successive time, and Roxburgh identified the men who have something to demonstrate.

"We have to find out if our striking partnership of McCoist and Johnston is as good as it was in the first two games of the season, and we want to see if McStay can be the influential player Scotland needs. We have restored Gough to the right side channel which many people think is his best position and we will look to see if he can operate there in defence and attack."

The Spanish Press greeted Roxburgh's selection with the opinion that the Scottish team is ageing, but the coach prefers to describe his men as mature.

SPAIN: A Zubizarreta, M Tendillo, M Sanchis, M Soler, T Renones, M Gonzalez, R Gordillo, R Gallego, M Vazquez (or R Calderon), E Butragueno, J Salinas.

SCOTLAND: J Leighton (Aberdeen), R Gough (Rangers), S Nicol (Liverpool), G Gillespie (Liverpool), A McLeish (Aberdeen), W Miller (Aberdeen), P McStay (Celtic), R Aitken (Celtic, capt), M Johnston (Nantes), A McCoist (Rangers), I Durrant (Rangers).

Bingham refuses to be overawed by French

By George Ace

Northern Ireland have not registered a win over France, their opponents tonight at Windsor Park, in six games since 1951, two draws being the best results obtained. Two of the four defeats were in World Cup quarter-finals: in Sweden in 1958 and in Spain six years ago.

But there is considerable confidence in the Irish camp, and the events over the past 24 hours, with the Luton winger, Kingsley Black, opting to represent Northern Ireland, the country of his father's birth, rather than his native England, have certainly heightened interest in the game.

Billy Bingham, the Northern Ireland team manager, said yesterday: "It is a very difficult match for us, the French are a superb footballing side. But I honestly feel we are in with a shout. It is our last game before we meet Malta in our first World Cup match, and for the first time I have a full squad at my disposal.

"The lads know the importance of the match and just what a win would do to our confidence. I hope our supporters are equally aware."

The French contingent arrived in Belfast yesterday with a 15-strong squad and both teams will be named later today.

●Alain Giresse, aged 35, the Marseille midfield player who has been capped 47 times for France, has decided to retire at the end of the season (AFP reports from Marseille).

● Terry Yorath, the caretaker manager of Wales, aims to strengthen his claims for the job on a permanent basis by guiding the team to victory against Sweden in Stockholm tonight. In his first game in charge, Yorath, the former Welsh captain and present manager of Swansea, could give a debut to Brian Law, aged 18.

Gascoigne determined to resist foreign moves

Paul Gascoigne, Newcastle United's £2 million-rated midfield player, has pledged his future to the English game.

The young England international, arguably the hottest property in the English game, has already been linked with Juventus, who see him as the ideal man to supply the goal chances for their other British import, Ian Rush, but the player's assertion yesterday "that you can't beat the first division," would appear to indicate a determination to stay at home, if not with Newcastle.

"The only trouble with English football at the moment is that so many of our stars are going abroad," he explained. "The players only go abroad for the money and if they are truthful they will tell you so.

"Money is not that important to me. I've never had it and although I am doing well now I know it doesn't buy you happiness."

● Mark Dennis, the Queens Park Rangers defender, will not play again until next season. Dennis, 27 next Monday, has damaged linings between the ribs and lungs where air got in after he was stabbed in the neck in an incident two weeks ago. Doctors have advised complete rest.

● Middlesbrough's promotion hopes have not been helped by an automatic two-match ban for their left-back, Colin Cooper, after he was sent off for the first time in his League career at Ipswich last Saturday. The ban starts on May 7 when Middlesbrough play their final match of this season against Leicester

● A Euro MP yesterday urged Derby County to appoint a 'People's Director' to heal the rift between the club chairman, Robert Maxwell, and the club's supporters. Relations between supporters and their chairman have been strained by the club's failure to make signings in recent months and by the offer of the post of technical director to Johann Cruyff without the knowledge of the manager, Arthur Cox.

Yesterday, Geoff Hoon, Derbyshire Labour Euro MP, revealed he had written to Maxwell asking him to appoint a 'People's Director'

● The Luton Town chairman, David Evans said yesterday that the club would go into European football next season if the ban on English teams is lifted although it would have to move its home ties away from Kenilworth Road because of the synthetic pitch.

● Paul Haylock, Gillingham's right back who has been troubled by injury most of the season, goes into hospital tomorrow for a hernia operation.

Denmark in a quandary over selection

Vienna (Reuter) — Denmark who face Austria in a warm-up match for the European championship today, are missing a handful of world-class performers including Jan Molby, the Liverpool midfielder.

Preben Elkjar, a Verona forward, and a trio from PSV Eindhoven — Soren Lerby, Frank Arnesen and Ivan Nielsen — will all be absent from Denmark's first international since October.

However Sepp Piontek, the manager, believes he can field one of his strongest teams. "We actually have such a big selection of good players we can make up for the absentees. The only problem is getting them all together," he said. "I even think that with the players I have here we may be even stronger than in our classical lineup."

Brian Laudrup, the younger brother of the World Cup forward, Michael, is likely to be included.

Piontek's Austrian counterpart, Josef Hickersberger, with an eye on the qualifying competition for the 1990 World Cup, will also use the match to experiment with several younger players.

●MILAN: Former Italian and West German players figured in a 3-3 draw on Monday in a replay of the 1982 World Cup finals in Madrid (AP reports). Scirea, still playing with Juventus, opened the scoring for Italy before an equalizer from Rummenigge. Late goals from the Italians, Graziani and Altobelli, and Hrubesch and Reinders for West Germany settled the outcome.

●NAPLES: The match on Sunday between Napoli and Milan which may decide the Italian championship has been sold out with gate takings amounting to a record £1.2 million.

MONDAY'S RESULTS

BARCLAYS LEAGUE: Second division: Blackburn Rovers 0, Swindon Town 0. Third division: Port Vale 2, Wigan Athletic 1. Fourth division: Tranmere Rovers 2, Crewe Alexandra 2.

GM VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Kidderminster 1, Northwich 1.

SUNDAY MIRROR COMBINATION: Arsenal 2, Millwall 1.

SOUTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Torquay United 1, Bournemouth 2; Swansea City 3, Bristol City 5.

CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Nottingham Forest 5, Blackpool 0. Second division: Preston NE 0, York City 1; Rotherham 2, Doncaster 2; Barnsley 5, Bolton 0; Darlington 2 Oldham 1; Stoke City 0, West Bromwich Albion 1.

VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: Premier division: Bognor 0, Basingstoke 1. Second division North: Haringey Borough 2, Harlow Town 0 (at Harlow).

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE CUP: Final: Barrow 2, Goole 2 (aet; 2-2 after normal time; Goole won 4-3 on pens).

CAPITAL LEAGUE: Welling 1, Wycombe 1.

Champagne for a sporting lord

At a lunch organized by the Central Council for Physical Recreation and sponsored by Moët and Chandon, Lord Whitelaw was presented with a balthazar of champagne to mark his contribution to sport both as player — he won Blues for golf at Cambridge in 1938 and 1939 and was president of the Royal and Ancient — and as politician (Andrew Longmore writes). "As a sportsman Lord Whitelaw understood how important sport is to people and he used his influence as Home Secretary and throughout his time in the Commons and the Lords to promote the best for sport," Peter Lawson, secretary of the CCPR, said. Shown above are Colin Moynihan, Minister for Sport, Sir Hector Monro, Lord Whitelaw and Sir Eldon Griffiths (Photograph: James Gray)

ATHLETICS

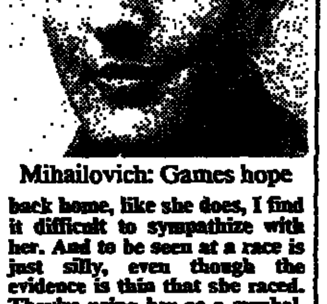
Not seeing eye to eye with Budd

By Pat Butcher
Athletics Correspondent

You will have heard about Zola Budd. But what about Cassandra Mihailovich, who is also a former South African, living in Guildford, and hoping to run in the Olympic Games? There the similarity ends. For Mihailovich, aged 27, has no intention of returning to the Republic, and does not mind saying so. She also has a few words on Budd, although unlike Budd, she intends to run for France.

"I don't know her. But it's easy for people to feel sorry for her. It's like these massive moral causes. They don't have too much effect on people until they can identify with one little starving face. It's the same with Zola, it looks as if everyone's picking on her.

"But that's ignoring the main issue. By not having made a stand, I can only assume she supports the South African government. And continuing to go back home, like she does, I find it difficult to sympathize with her. And to be seen at a race is just silly, even though the evidence is thin that she raced. They're using her as a symbol, but she's laid herself open."



Mihailovich: Games hope

Mihailovich took up running in 1984 and won the South African championship in 1986, in 2hr 45min 46sec. She left South Africa shortly afterwards with her Franco-Yugoslav husband.

"We had planned to leave for a long time, it was nothing to do with my running. It was completely to do with the political situation. I gave up my passport in France, and became stateless. I got a passport the day before competing in the French marathon championship." She finished seventh. As neither spoke good French, they came to Guildford in February, 1987.

"I ran my best time, 2:34.09 in Berlin in October. The French federation said I had to run in their championship to qualify for the Olympics, which were two weeks after Berlin. I won in just over 2:43. And I've been going very well since." Mihailovich only has to finish among the first three Frenchwomen in the European marathon cup in Belgium on Saturday, to join the French Olympic team.

● The British Board's committee of inquiry into Budd's eligibility is due to be named tomorrow.

RUGBY UNION

Skinner gambles on his nose holding out for Harlequins

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

Mickey Skinner, whose nose was broken by a punch in the first minute of England's game against Ireland last Saturday, was named yesterday in the Harlequins team for the John Player Special Cup final against Bristol at Twickenham on Saturday.

Skinner had his nose reset on Monday and visited hospital again yesterday. "I'm not going to be silly about it, and if I train on Wednesday and Thursday and find it starts bleeding or I'm getting headaches, then I'll think again," he said. "But I want to play and I think the rest of the boys want me there."

The flanker has been advised by the England management against playing, bearing in mind that Skinner is part of the tour party which leaves for Australia on May 10, and Skinner admits: "If you have broken your nose one week it's not that sensible to play the next. But then you risk having an injury like that any time in a game, just by accident, so I'm keeping my fingers crossed I will be there."

Harlequins, who are appearing in their first cup final, have left the decision entirely to Skinner, who has doubtless borne in mind the unavailability of the club's other influential flanker, Williams, now back home in New Zealand and playing for Wellington. His place in the back row goes to Bell and there are two other changes from the side which beat Wasps in the semi-final last month: Ackford resumes his regular place at lock instead of van Heerden (who has returned to South Africa) and Davies replaces Hunter on the left wing.

Thompson retains the stand-off half position despite the availability of Cramb, the Scottish international, and Harriman is named ahead of Eagle on the right wing — though Harriman will have to show that he has recovered from a shoulder injured while playing sevens

Bristol have named the same XV which shot Moseley down in flames 34-6 in the semi-finals, which means there are seven survivors from their last appearance in the cup final, against Bath in 1984. Knibbs, Hogg and Carr were in the three-quarters, Harding at scrum half, Doubleday, Palmer and Pomphrey in the pack. Now Hogg is at stand-off and Pomphrey will be playing his last game for the club before retiring. Duggan, the left wing, played at full-back in the winning side of 1983, against Leicester.

Bristol have also won the toss to use the "home" dressing room at Twickenham, which has given them a little chuckle at Harlequins' expense since Twickenham is the London club's home before Christmas. But the West Countrymen have been less amused that their preparations for a match which, if won, would put the cap on their centenary season, have been disrupted by the to-ing and fro-ing over their league fixture with Waterloo.

BRISTOL: J Webb; J Carr, R Knibbs, D Thomas, H Duggan; S Hogg, R Harding; C Phillips, D Palmer, J Doubleday, A Dun, N Pomphrey, A Blackmore, W Hone, P Collings.

HARLEQUINS: S Thresher; A Harriman, J Salmon, W Carling, E Davies; A Thompson, R Moon; P Curtis, J Olver, A Mullins, M Skinner, N Edwards, P Ackford, T Bell, R Langhorn.

Referee: F Howard (Liverpool).

Fond farewell at Gosforth

By a Special Correspondent

Tonight's 95th Northumberland Senior Cup final between Gosforth and Tynedale marks the end of an era for Northumberland rugby at the County ground, Gosforth.

The final whistle will bring to an end nearly 70 years of rugby at the venue, which has been sold for £2.75 million to Asda, the supermarket chain, and will be officially handed over to the new owners immediately afterwards, with the bulldozers due in shortly to demolish the clubhouse and stands.

Northumberland played their first championship game on the ground in October 1919, after taking a lease for £80 a year on what was then the Gosforth cycling track. They purchased the freehold in 1923 for £5,250 and later erected the north stand to hold 1,200 spectators at a cost of £2,828.

In 1932 the perimeter of the ground was sub-let for greyhound racing, which was to provide considerable financial revenue for the county over the years until recently, when the greyhound racing fell into decline.

Over the years the County Ground has seen many famous matches and has played host to international touring teams from Australia, South Africa, Canada, America, Italy and Fiji.

Nobody who watched the epic encounter in October 1970, between the Barbarians and Fiji, will ever forget it, with the Fijians outplaying a star-studded Barbarian side and their own scintillating and attacking brand of rugby to secure a 29-9 victory.

Many famous players have run out on to the pitch wearing Northumberland's green, red and gold hoops. Among them were Carston Catchesige, the Percy Park and England winger who went on to become a chairman of selectors in the 50s, Arthur Smith, captain of Scotland and of the 1962 British Lions, Ray McLoughlin, the Irish captain and a superb prop forward, and Roger Uttley, who captained England in 1977 and is now guiding them back to former glories as national coach.

It has become a sad fact that the ground, which is the only one owned by an English county, has lately fallen into disrepair and become a liability. But the £2.75 million it has been sold for has endowed rugby in the county for the foreseeable future so that even when it has become a distant memory it will continue to benefit future generations of rugby players

Northumberland have already allocated £200,000 of the capital to its constituent clubs and the committee meet next week to decide what to do with the remainder. It is likely to be held on trust and invested to produce a net income of over £100,000 a year

There is also a strong move to encourage the purchase of a house in the Newcastle area to act as an independent county clubhouse, while the Alnwick Club have put forward a proposal to purchase a 28-acre small holding just outside Gosforth on which to build a county ground.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Castleford to advertise for coach

Castleford are to advertise for a successor to Dave Sampson, the coach who was dismissed following the 40-8 first round premiership defeat at St Helens. Sampson, who stepped up from playing for Castleford to succeed Mal Reilly as coach, was surprised at his dismissal, having steered Castleford to seventh place and a replayed Yorkshire Cup final in his first season.

But a promising start for Sampson, who also played for Wakefield and Bramley, has evaporated in 1988, Castleford winning only six of 15 games.

David Poulter, the Castleford chairman, said: "Things have not worked out as we would have liked and we have decided not to renew Dave's contract."

Poulter and his fellow committee members will convene tomorrow for their weekly meeting when the coaching position will be discussed. But Denise Cackett, Castleford's secretary, said: "We are definitely going to advertise in a couple of papers because the club has nobody in mind for the job."

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

ROME: Rome marathon: 1, S N'Gala (Ken), 2hr 16min 46sec; 2, O Fausini (It), 2:16:55; 3, L Driss (Mor), 2:17:41.

BASEBALL

UNITED STATES: American League: Boston Red Sox 5, Milwaukee Brewers 1.

BOXING

GLASGOW: Professional bill: Scottish featherweight championship (10 rounds): Craig Windsor (Coatbridge) bt Dave Adam (Kirkcaldy), pts. Bantam (8 rounds): Brian Holmes (Glasgow) ko Sean Casey (Londonderry), 6th; Light-welter (6 rounds): Darren Mount (Sheffield) bt John Mullen (Irvine), pts. Welter (6 rounds): Frank Mobbs (Hull) bt John Lennard (Greenock), rsc, 4th.

CYCLING

SANTA CRUZ DE TENERIFE, Canary Islands: Tour of Spain: First stage (210km): 1, I Gaston (Sp), 5hr 25min 41sec; 2, J Mujica (Sp), same time; 3, L Cubino (Sp), 3sec behind; 4, R Dietzen (WG), 14sec; 5, M Dominguez (Sp), same time. Other: 8, S Kelly (Ire), same time.

FOOTBALL

SUNDAY MIRROR COMBINATION: Fulham 1, Brighton 1; Charlton 1, Reading 0; Ipswich 2, Norwich 2.

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCH: Manchester 10, Newport 38.

GOLF

WORLD RANKINGS: 1, G Norman (Aus), 1,438pts; 2, S Lyle (GB), 1,262; 3, S Ballesteros (Sp), 1,072; 4, B Langer (WG), 1,003; 5, I Woosnam (GB), 800; 6, C Strange (US), 791; 7, B Crenshaw (US), 788; 8, P Azinger (US), 743; 9, L Wadkins (US), 739; 10, C Beck (US), 694.

VOLVO EUROPEAN TOUR MONEYWINNERS (GB or Ireland unless stated): 1, S Ballesteros (Sp), £43,330; 2, M McNulty (SA), £37,788; 3, D Whelan, £35,965; 4, D Cooper, £35,769; 5, J-M Olazabal (Sp), £33,866; 6, B Lane, £33,564; 7, D Llewellyn, £30,929; 8, C O'Connor jnr, £23,585; 9, M Pinero (Sp), £23,389; 10, M Martin (Sp), £22,792.

US PGA TOUR MONEYWINNERS (US unless stated): 1, S Lyle (GB), $603,821 (£320,000); 2, C Beck, $484,465; 3, M McCumber, $385,538; 4, B Crenshaw, $325,148; 5, L Wadkins, $299,608; 6, J Haas, $284,285; 7, J Sindelar, $277,822; 8, S Pate, $272,113; 9, G Morgan, $265,735; 10, G Norman (Aus), $253,100. Other Europeans: 38, B Langer (WG), $84,546; 71, K Brown (GB), $53,397; 85, N Faldo (GB), $41,731; 103, S Ballesteros (Sp), $31,478.

ICE HOCKEY

STANLEY CUP: Play-off games (best of seven): Norris Division: Detroit Red Wings 3, St Louis Blues 1 (Detroit lead series 3-1). Smythe Division: Edmonton Oilers 6, Calgary Flames 4 (Edmonton win series 4-0).

SPEEDWAY

READING: Diamond Jubilee series: England 58, Sweden 32.

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Exeter 47, Hackney 49.

BRITISH LEAGUE: Wolves 53, Sheffield 37.

SQUASH RACKETS

PARIS: Paris Open: Men's quarter-finals: Zarak Jahan Khan (Pak) bt B Martin (Aus), 9-5, 10-8, 9-2; R Norman (NZ) bt C Robertson (Aus), 9-0, 8-10, 9-2, 9-5; C Dittmar (Aus) bt R Eyles (Aus), 9-5, 8-10, 9-5, 9-6; Jansher Khan (Pak) bt R Thorne (Aus), 9-4, 9-5, 9-4.

ROTHWELL: Leeds Metro Open championship: Quarter-finals: R Kelly bt M Naylor, 9-1, 10-8, 9-1; P Hutchinson bt S Taylor, 9-1, 10-8, 9-1; S Deighton bt R Edwards, 3-9, 6-9, 9-4, 9-5, 9-5; M Shipley bt P Roberts, 9-5, 9-3, 9-3.

TENNIS

SUTTON: Hi-Tec International satellite tournament: Women: First round: N Guerree (Fr) bt M Mazzotta (Ven), 7-5, 7-5; S Rehmke (WG) bt J Tacon (GB), 6-2, 6-1; A Grossman (US) bt B Potter (Aus), 6-1, 6-2; A Radics (Arg) bt M Lundquist (Swe), 2-6, 6-3, 6-1; M Yamada (Japan) bt D Parnell (GB), 6-1, 4-0 retired; M Ekstrand (Swe) bt D Coriat (Isr), 7-5, 6-4. Men: First round: D Sapsford (GB) bt P Pech (Fr), 2-6, 6-2, 7-6; D McBride (US) bt D Felgate (GB), 6-4, 7-5; M Bincow (GB) bt S Cole (GB), 6-0, 3-6, 6-3; T Nydahl (Swe) bt E Dewence (Bel), 6-3, 7-6; A Anderson (Aus) bt R Whichello (GB), 6-1, 6-2; T Bischof (Austria) bt M Walker (GB), 6-2, 7-5.

CHARLESTON, South Carolina: Grand Prix tournament: First round (US unless stated): L Duncan bt T Witsken 6-0, 7-5; M Sreiber (Cz) bt L Mattar (Br) 6-2, 6-2; J Courier bt J Lozano (Mex) 3-6, 6-3, 6-1; C Miniussi (Arg) bt G Palmer 4-6, 6-2, 6-4; J Berger bt G Muller (SA), 6-1, 6-1; M Davis bt K Evernden (NZ), 6-7, 6-3, 7-6; R Reneberg leads S Youl (Aus), 6-3, 2-2 (rain); S Giammalva jnr leads M Purcell, 4-1 (rain).

NEWCASTLE: Northumberland championships: Finals: Men: M McPeake bt N Carmichael, 3-6, 6-1, 6-4. Women: G Smith bt T Smith, 6-3, 6-1.

HAMBURG: West German men's tournament: First round: T Meinecke (WG) bt T Muster (Austria), 6-7, 6-3, 7-5; H Moraing (WG) bt E Jelen (WG), 7-6, 6-3; E Bengoechea (Arg) bt P Cane (It), 7-6, 7-6; J Arrese (Sp) bt E Osta (Sp), 6-4, 3-6, 6-2; F Yunis (Arg) bt Y Doumbia (Senegal), 6-2, 7-6; P Rebolledo (Chile) bt R Bathman (Neth), 6-2, 6-3. Second round: H Schwaier (WG) bt J Pugh (US), 6-3, 3-6, 6-2; R Osterthun (WG) bt M Schapers (Neth), 7-5, 6-0; G Perez-Roldan (Arg) bt M Westphal (WG), 6-0, 6-2; J Nystrom (Swe) bt T Champion (Fr), 6-0, 6-2; T Nijssen (Neth) bt J Gunnarsson (Swe), 6-3, 5-7, 6-4; C Mezzadri (Switz) bt A Tous (Sp), 3-6, 7-6, 6-4.

VOLLEYBALL

ATHENS: West European women's championship: France 3, England 0; Cyprus 0, Portugal 3; Norway 3, Finland 1; West Germany 3, Spain 0; Denmark 3, Israel 2; Greece A 3, Switzerland 1; Turkey 3, Sweden 0; Austria 3, Greece B 0.

SNOW REPORTS

SCOTLAND: Cairngorm: upper and middle runs, runs complete, spring snow; lower slopes, snow cover, patchy wet snow; vertical runs, 1,200ft; hill and main roads, clear; snow level, 2,400ft. Glencoe (open from Friday, April 29 until Monday, May 2 inclusive and will close for the season thereafter): no report. Glenshee and Lecht: finished for season. Forecast for today: mostly dry with a good deal of sunshine but a few snow flurries are likely, especially on Cairngorm; the freezing level will remain around 2,000ft and winds will be fresh easterly. Outlook for tomorrow: little general change.

● Information supplied by the Scottish Meteorological Office.

GOLF

Woburn field is test for Davies

By John Hennessy

Laura Davies, the United States Open champion, makes one of her rare appearances in Britain this week. After competing in the Ford Classic at Woburn, she will be unavailable until the British Open at Lindrick at the end of July.

Indeed, the French Open at Fourqueux in June will be her only other appearance in Europe in the next three months. Even the European Open at Kingswood clashes with the Du Maurier tournament, one of the four "majors" of the Ladies' Professional Golf Association tour in North America.

She has competed in nine American tournaments this season, ranging from three missed cuts to a victory at Tucson, an achievement which brings her satisfaction on two counts.

First, she was able to silence snide remarks in the United States that her victory in their Open might have been a fluke, as is often the case over there, both in the men and women's competitons. Second, it provided a five-year exempton on the LPGA tour, so that she will not for some time have to be concerned about losing her card. With prize money of $56,000 (about £30,000) she is thirteenth in their money list.

But for all Davies's eminence, a study of the entry for the Ford event shows that this is even less of a one-woman band than before. Two able Scots, Gillian Stewart, winnner of the tournament twice in three years since she turned professional, and Dale Reid, winner of the European order of merit last year, are among those who stand beside Davies as representing the old guard, but there is an impressive list of new recruits.

Fifteen of the 97 competitors are new to the European tour, of whom Laurette Maritz has already made her mark for South Africa in the Marbella Open.

Regine Lautens also has ability after sharing third with Trish Johnson in the world championship individual placings at Caracas two years ago. She has since finished eighth in two European tournaments out of three, competing as an amateur.

The new intake also includes players from Spain (notably Tania Abitbol), The Netherlands, Sweden, Australia and the United States. These are all adding to the stature of women's golf in Europe.

GYMNASTICS

New home to meet demands

The opening yesterday by The Princess Royal of one of the most advanced training complexes in the world at Lilleshall Hall National Sports Centre, Shropshire, is the culmination of a £1.75 million project by the Sports Council to provide British competitors with a national venue.

The new hall, named the Princess Royal Hall, is a purpose-built training gymnasium with five pits. The development includes the refurbishment of the nearby King George VI Hall and also provides administrative offices in the Ford Hall and the full use of seminar and lecture rooms for symposia and courses to train coaches and judges to international standards.

Efforts by the British Amateur Gymnastics Association (BAGA) in the past to establish a national centre were frustrated because the Association was unable to show a need for such a facility. However, in the mid-70s the situation changed dramatically. Stimulated by the enthusiasm of John Atkinson, the BAGA tactical director, and the co-operation of Derek Tremayne, the director of Lilleshall, the gymnastic use of Lilleshall by clubs, schools, courses, regional and national squads increased by 2,100 per cent over five years.

Permanent gymnastic apparatus and training equipment began to materialize, and when the sport grew to the stage when it was the second biggest user of Lilleshall after football, the BAGA submitted plans for a national centre to the Sports Council.

WEIGHTLIFTING

Cardiff testing ground for the world No 1

By Chris Than

The world's greatest weightlifter, Naim Suleymanoglu, arrived in Cardiff amid a strict security operation yesterday to compete in the European championships, his first official competition since his defection from Bulgaria to Turkey in 1986. Suleymanoglu, who is the subject of a tug-of-war between the two countries, was granted Special Branch protection following a request from the Turkish authorities.

The Bulgarians are adamant that Suleymanoglu, aged 20, be barred from the Olympic Games in Seoul. "You should forget about lifting for Turkey in Seoul — you may lift for Bulgaria instead," was the message that the Bulgarian Weightlifting Federation president, Hristo Marenzov, sent to Suleymanoglu via the media.

However, the Bulgarian position is not as hard-line as it appears. Suleymanoglu is to be discussed at a meeting in Cardiff between Marenzov and the Turkish Weightlifting Federation president, Arif Nusrat Say.

Yesterday, Sevdalin Marinov, won three gold medals — in the snatch, clean and jerk and for the total — in the 52kg bodyweight division.

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As an Irish debutant starts out, English pupils prepare for finishing school

England see red over Black

By Stuart Jones and George Ace

Bobby Robson, England's manager, yesterday reacted angrily to the news that Kingsley Black had apparently changed his mind and decided to represent Northern Ireland, the country of his father's birth, instead of England. He accused Billy Bingham, the Irish manager, of using devious means to persuade the young Luton Town winger.

Bingham had blamed Robson for "gazumping" him over Black but Robson replied from Budapest: "I object very strongly to Billy Bingham's comments. He is talking nonsense off the top of his head. He should talk about etiquette. He said that the Irish watched him at Wembley. What did he think I was doing at the Littlewoods Cup Final? Having a cup of tea? I actually went to Wembley and didn't send some croney in my place.

"Ray Harford, Luton's manager, has promised to have another go for me but it looks as though I've lost him. It's the sickest I have ever felt in football.

"He told me he would withdraw from the Irish squad this time to give himself a few days to think about his future. That would have been a sensible decision."

Black, who yesterday joined his new Irish colleagues preparing for today's international with France, said: "Northern Ireland can offer me a long-term future and I prefer that to anything. It would be wrong if I said that my father didn't influence me a little."

Bingham said: "It is not often I get one over Bobby Robson. I was angry, very angry, when I heard of Robson's approach."

Harry Cavan, the Irish Football Association president, added: "The actions of Robson and the Football Association, if we are to believe the reports, are to be deplored. They knew that Bingham had included Black in his panel as he had every right to do. To make the point that Black had played for England Schoolboys begs the question as to what the FA and Robson did about Black in the period between his schoolboy debut and today?"

● Dublin - The Republic of Ireland unveiled a Kingsley Black story of their own here yesterday (Clive White writes). Mark Kelly, aged 18, a little-known Portsmouth winger, who has played for England and the Republic at youth level, will today become an adopted Irishman when he makes his debut against Yugoslavia at Lansdowne Road. The Irish will certainly blood Kelly — who was born in Sutton of Irish parents — at some time during the game, thereby claiming him for the future.

Robson class sit finals at school of old masters

From Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent, Budapest

Bobby Robson has returned to the land that "taught us how to play" to finish his lessons. The Nep Stadium will this afternoon be transformed in his eyes into a classroom in which half of his England side will be taking part in a final examination against the Hungarians.

Once it is over, Robson will experiment no further. If anyone is to be promoted into either the team or the squad that will enter the European championship, he must pass the test here. The possible graduates include the six who did not feature in the 2-2 draw against The Netherlands last month.

Pallister, the one debutant, is the most unexpected candidate. Since Robson now appreciates that Butcher's recovery from a broken leg will not be completed before the tournament in June, Middlesbrough's central defender can climb instantly above Watson, who has lost his place through injury, and Wright as the partner for Adams.

Butcher's absence is a crushing and potentially knock-out blow. A key figure on the pitch, he is a giant off it as well. The Yugoslavs, for instance, were disconcerted when they heard his deafening roars of defiance in the tunnel as England prepared for their last European championship qualifying tie. Yugoslavia, their spirit broken, crumbled to a 4-1 defeat.

"He's a special guy," Robson said yesterday. "The players will miss his influence in everything they do. The specialist has told him that he cannot play for at least another six weeks, so that makes it very tight. I won't replace him with another Butcher because we haven't got one."

Adams, at the worryingly tender age of 21, has been catapulted into the senior role ("I hope he has learnt enough from Butcher to take control on his own", Robson commented). Pallister, only a year older, has risen equally rapidly from the second division to the unforeseen vacancy alongside him.

Anderson and particularly Pearce, the replacements for Stevens and Sansom, can expect no more than to confirm their right to be retained as understudies at full back. Sansom, who is to discuss his future at Arsenal in the summer, has lost form but, he believes, only temporarily.

Suggestions that Pearce, a rugged defender lacking in subtlety, is ready for a permanent position are so wildly speculative as to be ludicrous. "He needs a run," Robson said, "in case Sansom gets injured. It is as well, anyway, that Kenny is put under a bit of pressure."

In the enforced absence of Barnes, Waddle can renew an old challenge. He could even inspire England's manager to think again of spreading his wings of adventure and selecting both of them in a formation that would be even more tempting if the defence was settled and secure.

The most significant alteration centres on midfield. McMahon was being groomed as the natural successor to Bryan Robson. Instead he is to join the captain of England for the first time, a prospect he relishes.

If he reproduces the standard he has maintained throughout the season at Liverpool and during his international debut in Israel two months ago, he will leave Webb in the shadows for longer than a day. "I needed to look at McMahon against better-quality opposition," Robson explained, "and Webb looked stale against the Dutch."

Curiously, since he had just dropped him, he added: "He needs a lift." Webb himself concedes that he was "very poor" at Wembley and was not surprised to have suffered the dreaded consequence. As he points out, "there are four of us chasing one place in midfield."

Entwined within the individual ambitions, England will collectively seek to prolong a sequence of six successive victories over Hungary which stretches back to 1965. In other words, the year in which Pallister was born. In spite of the inexperience in Robson's line-up, and especially in defence, the omens are bright.

The Hungarians, beaten 3-0 in Belgium in their last fixture, recently defeated Turkey by only a belated and lone goal here. "You demolished us twice in the early Fifties", Robson told his Hungarian audience. He trusts that history will not repeat itself.

● England supporters will be searched for weapons before entering the Nep Stadium. Budapest police said that those "in a drunken state" would not be admitted. About 1,000 England supporters are expected. Hungarian authorities plan to video their activities as part of the "special attention" they will be given.

"They will be seated in a separate sector, so that they will have no opportunity whatsoever to disturb the peace or clash with Hungarian fans," a police spokesman said. English-speaking Hungarian organizers will be on hand "to convince the fans by word of mouth to calm down," if needs be. The videos were for "identifying subsequently any disturbers of public peace and order."

England team

C Woods (Rangers)
V Anderson (Man United)
G Pallister (Middlesbrough)
A Adams (Arsenal)
S Pearce (Nottingham Forest)
T Steven (Everton)
B Robson (Man United, captain)
S McMahon (Liverpool)
C Waddle (Tottenham Hotspur)
G Lineker (Barcelona)
P Beardsley (Liverpool).
Substitutes: To be announced.

Chin up, chest out: Waddle braces himself for the passing-out parade at the Nep Stadium

Final tickets flaw exposed

Liverpool supporters, bent on seeing Kenny Dalglish's side complete the League and Cup double, are posing both the police and the Football Association massive security problems. They are legally buying up a large share of Wimbledon's ticket allocation for the Cup Final.

Busloads of supporters from Anfield with little hope of finding a final ticket on Merseyside, are travelling to London to buy their way to Wembley under the Wimbledon banner. Attendance at Wimbledon's last three home games entitles spectators at Plough Lane to vouchers that must be produced if they are to be allowed to buy a Cup Final ticket.

No rule exists about being a Wimbledon supporter. Each club has been allocated 30,000 tickets. So the Anfield army is cashing in on an a situation where Wimbledon, whose average weekly gate is less than 10,000, could have tickets to spare.

The headache for the football authorities and the police will be to keep the rival supporters segregated on May 14.

"We know that large numbers of Liverpool fans are travelling to Wimbledon to find tickets, but they are doing nothing illegal," a senior Scotland Yard security expert said. "All we can hope is that everyone behaves themselves and that the Cup Final will be a great sporting occasion both on and off the field."

● The Littlewoods Challenge Cup was returned to the sponsors for urgent repairs after the 2ft 9in trophy broke from its base at Kenilworth Road and had to be stuck together with sticky tape and a scarf for the civic reception in Luton on Tuesday night

Defiant Yousuf let off by Richards

From Richard Streeton, Bridgetown, Barbados

West Indies failed to bring the quick end they sought to the Pakistan second innings on the fourth day of the third Cable and Wireless Test here yesterday. Imran Khan led some determined resistence and at lunch Pakistan were 254 for nine wickets and led by 257 runs.

By then Imran was 38 not out and the West Indies fast bowlers had struggled on a pitch which had lost the pace. Pakistan resumed at 177 for six and lost three wickets in the morning but managed to keep the score mounting.

A courageous 28 from the injured Saleem Yousuf, who was missed before he had scored, boosted the Pakistan score. He frustrated West Indies for 70 minutes and helped to add 52 invaluable runs for the eighth wicket.

Yousuf came in when Marshall had Wasim Akram legbefore as he played back in the day's third over. Yousuf had no dressing on his nose, which was fractured in two places earlier in the game but his face was swollen and his eyes blackened.

Yousuf edged the first ball he faced from Marshall at shoulder height between Dujon and Richards. Richards parried it with both hands to his left but could not hold the catch and the batsmen took two runs. After 20 minutes Yousuf sent for a glass of water. He seemed to be dizzy and Miandad came to run for him.

Richards persevered with Marshall and Ambrose in the first hour and Yousuf drove both men for lofted fours over extra cover. Another lofted four against Ambrose was only inches short of six.

Imran pushed a half volley from Ambrose for four past cover's left hand, but generally went more cautiously than Yousuf, who despite his problems, chatted chirpily to Imran or the umpires between overs. Both batsmen were helped by defensive field placings and Yousuf twice might have been caught had there been a second or third slip posted, but each time the edged shots brought him runs.

Yousuf hooked Marshall for four between the two long legs and the stand was worth 50 after 12 overs. The partnership ended when Benjamin replaced Ambrose and Yousuf, pushing forward, snicked a low catch to Richards, who held it right-handed at first slip.

Qadir was almost run out seeking one sharp single and Imran escaped when Richardson at deep backward square leg was unable to hold a swirling hook shot against Marshall. Qadir was ninth out at 245 when he played defensively against Marshall and the ball lobbed to gully off a glove.

PAKISTAN: First innings 309 (Ramiz Raja 54, Shoaib Mohammed 54; M Marshall 4 for 79).

Second Innings

Mudassar Nazar c Greenidge b Hooper	41
Ramiz Raja c Logie b Marshall	4
Shoaib Mohammad c and b Richards	64
Javed Miandad c Dujon b Marshall	34
Salim Malik lbw b Benjamin	9
Aamer Malik c Logie b Marshall	2
*Imran Khan not out	38
Wasim Akram lbw b Marshall	0
†Saleem Yousuf c Richards b Benjamin	28
Abdul Qadir c Greenidge b Marshall	2
Saleem Jaffer not out	2
Extras	30
Total (9 wkts)	254

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-6, 2-100, 3-153, 4-165, 5-167, 6-169, 7-182, 8-234, 9-245.

WEST INDIES: First innings 306 (I V A Richards 67, C L Hooper 54).

Umpires: D M Archer and L H Barker.

Anderson takes a gamble

By Keith Macklin

Chris Anderson, the Halifax coach, takes a calculated risk in naming his squad for Saturday's Silk Cut Rugby League Challenge Cup final against Wigan at Wembley. Anderson names two forwards, Fairbank and Scott, as substitutes, breaking away from the normal principle of having one back and one forward.

After a two-hour training session at Thrum Hall yesterday afternoon Anderson said: "I think this is my best available squad. If need be, loose-forward John Pendlebury can move into the backs, and there are other permutations I can use."

Otherwise, there are no real surprises in the Halifax squad, who will travel down to their headquarters at Cobham tomorrow. Eadie, the Australian full-back, who has not played in the last four matches, is included. Eadie, who won the man-of-the-match trophy at Wembley last season in the victory over St Helens, has a damaged knee, but Anderson said: "He would turn out on one leg if necessary."

Wigan named their squad on Monday evening. As expected, the New Zealand brothers, Kevin and Tony Iro, will be the right-wing partnership. Shelford is named in the squad despite the threat of suspension that hangs over him. There is no place in the squad for West, the experienced former Wigan and New Zealand captain, though he may squeeze in as substitute if Shelford is suspended.

HALIFAX: G Eadie; M Meredith, T Anderson, I Wilkinson, C Whitfield; R Grogan, S Robinson; N James, S McCallion, K Neller, P Dixon, L Holliday, J Pendlebury. Substitutes: R Fairbank, N Scott.

WIGAN: J Lydon; K Iro, T Iro, D Bell, H Gill; S Edwards, A Gregory; A Shelford, N Kiss, B Case, A Goodway, I Potter, E Hanley. Substitutes: S Wane, J Byrne.

SPORT IN BRIEF

McGuigan title plea

Barry McGuigan wants his expected world title challenge later this year to be staged in his Irish home town, Clones — at the Gaelic football ground.

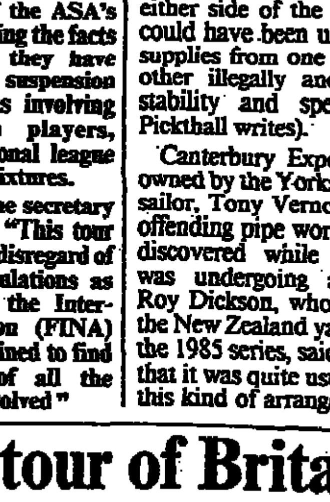
The former WBA featherweight champion inspected the stadium yesterday, and said: "There's a very distinct possibility my world title fight will be in Clones. It definitely will if I have my way."

McEnroe wins

Inglewood, California (AP) — John McEnroe, the former top-ranked professional, beat the third-ranked, Stefan Edberg, 6-3, 6-4 on Monday night in the finals of the Michelin Challenge round robin series.

£27,000 bait

Europe's five top golfers — Sandy Lyle, Nick Faldo, Seve Ballesteros, Ian Woosnam and Bernhard Langer — will contest a £27,000 'skins' game at Wentworth on May 25.



Carling: job-sharing

Carling delay

Will Carling has confirmed that he will not be available for the full length of England's Rugby Union trip to Australia, starting on May 10, but the selectors are working on the possibility of having him and the other first-choice centre, Simon Halliday, job-sharing for half the tour. Carling will not be free of exams at Durham University until June 4. He may ve available for the international on June 12.

Helping hand

Peat Marwick McLintock, the accountancy firm, is to sponsor the annual University cricket match between Oxford and Cambridge at Lord's from July 2 to 4.

Ring dispute

Stockholm (AP) — Television broadcasters are upset by a proposal to use two rings for the Olympic boxing tournament in Seoul. A final decision on whether to stay with the traditional single ring will be made next month.

Sponsor found

The British Open horse trials championships at Gatcombe Park in August are to be sponsored by J Barbour and Sons Ltd, the makers of country clothing putting an end to months of negotiations.

A prize first

Competitors in next month's four nations ice skating challenge at Bracknell will be vying for £7,000 — the first time prize-money has been offered.

Two Flyers fined for high jinks

By Norman de Mesquita

Two Fife Flyers players, who appeared in the final of the Heineken ice hockey championship at Wembley on Sunday, have been fined £500 each and banned *sine die* after incidents on the flight from Heathrow to Edinburgh after the match.

Andy Donald and Craig Dickson, the club's two goaltenders, are understood to have thrown beer and peanuts at passengers and sung some bawdy songs. When the aircraft was on its approach to Edinburgh Airport, Dickson decided to go to the toilet, so the pilot had to make an extra circuit before landing.

British Airways are awaiting a full report from the cabin crew, but confirmed yesterday that they would not be taking any action against the two players.

Frank Dempster, chairman of the British Icehockey Association disciplinary committee, was unable to comment yesterday, as he had not yet received the club's report.

Flyers' veteran defenceman, Al Sims, said that he had never seen such behaviour.

White sweeps into comfortable lead

By Steve Acteson

Jimmy White, from Wimbledon, the world number 2, swept into a 7-1 lead against Tony Knowles in their Embassy world snooker championship quarter-final, which resumed at the Crucible Theatre, Sheffield.

Knowles, from Bolton, the number seven seed, who beat White at the same stage of the tournament three years ago, began his bid for a fourth world semi-final in six seasons by striking breaks of 32 and 28 to take the opening frame. Knowles could not hide a quiet smirk of self satisfaction, but he had few merry moments thereafter. Knowles, 51-21 behind in frame two, scorned a winning chance after gaining a free ball by missing a straightforward brown, and White then made a marvellous break of 95 in frame three, missing the final black with a century in his sights.

A further break of 65 two frames later made it 4-1 and then, with White 42-32 ahead in frame six and the table seemingly closed down, he opened it up again by potting in a brilliant long red to begin a clearance to the pink of 46.

White's break of 78 in the seventh frame left Knowles looking even more morose, but an error by White gave him a golden chance to win the last game of the session, only for Knowles to end his break at 49 by missing the pink with one red left. White cleared to the pink again to move further ahead with two sessions and a possible 17 frames to come today.

Steve Davis, the defending champion, and White, are the favourites to meet in the final, and Davis looked menacingly efficient yesterday as he took a 6-2 lead over Tony Drago, of Malta. Drago was in contention at only 3-2 behind, but when he missed the blue with seven reds still left in frame six, Davis compiled a marvellous clearance of 53 to the blue. Thereafter, Drago did not pot another ball as Davis finished the session with runs of 79 and 70.

Terry Griffiths pulled back a 3-1 defecit to lead Neal Foulds, the world number three, 5-3, while Steve James, the surprise player of the tournament, compiled his fourth century so far, a fifth frame 103, as he held the fourth seed, Cliff Thorburn, of Canada, at 4-4.

RESULTS: Quarter finals: J White (Eng) leads A Knowles (Eng) 7-1. Frame scores (White first): 28-72, 67-21, 102-11, 80-39, 84-37, 78-42, 78-30, 61-50. S Davis (Eng) leads A Drago (Malta) 6-2. Frame scores (Davis first): 66-32, 49-80, 67-9, 70-5, 23-72, 58-18, 79-0, 70-0. T Griffiths (Wales) leads N Foulds (Eng) 5-3. Frame scores (Foulds first): 37-70, 82-39, 86-28, 73-47, 31-90, 9-70, 7-59, 40-84. C Thorburn (Can) and S James (Eng) level at 4-4. Frame scores (Thorburn first): 61-31, 46-70, 65-43, 59-17, 1-126, 38-61, 22-64, 65-28. **Monday's late results: Second round:** C Thorburn (Canada) beat J Parrott (England) 13-10, frames scores (Thorburn first) 104-20, 69-58, 68-19, 1-89, 58-56, 91-1, 65-53, 41-71, 6-104, 7-87, 70-1, 52-55, 103-0, 70-69, 5-83, 88-12, 73-36, 20-80, 73-35, 1-78, 6-59, 51-32, 61-17.

TODAY'S ORDER OF PLAY: 10.30am: S Davis (England) v. A Drago (Malta) — to finish. J White (England) v. A Knowles (England) to finish. 3pm: C Thorburn (Canada) v S James (England) — second session. N foulds (England) v T Griffiths (England) — to finish. 7.30pm Thorburn v. James — to finish. White v. Knowles — to finish.

ASA seeking details from SA tour party

The Amateur Swimming Association (ASA) believes that the English water polo players who took part in the unofficial matches in South Africa earlier in the year without consulting the ASA have closed ranks over the visit (Roy Moor writes).

It is because of the ASA's difficulty in obtaining the facts of the tour that they have ordered immediate suspension of all competitions involving leading English players, including the national league and international fixtures.

David Reeves, the secretary of the ASA, said: "This tour was such a blatant disregard of our rules and regulations as well as those of the International Federation (FINA) that we are determined to find out the names of all the English players involved"

Revelation of Cup yacht's pipe and tanks

Eyebrows have been raised in British ocean racing circles over the disclosure this week that the 1985 New Zealand Admiral's Cup team yacht, Canterbury Export, was equipped with a two-inch pipe and stopcock connecting large water tanks moulded into either side of the hull which could have been used to tack supplies from one side to the other illegally and improve stability and speed (Barry Pickthall writes).

Canterbury Export is now owned by the Yorkshire-based sailor, Tony Vernon, and the offending pipe work was only discovered while the yacht was undergoing alterations. Roy Dickson, who skippered the New Zealand yacht during the 1985 series, said yesterday that it was quite usual to have this kind of arrangement

New tour of Britain

After an absence of 12 years, the Tour of Britain, one of the most spectacular events in the British motoring calendar in the 70s, is to be revived later this year with a new name and a more ambitious route (Andrew Longmore writes). Sponsored by Autoglass, the 1988 tour, will involve 2,000 miles of motoring through six counties — the British Isles plus Eire — over six days.

Competitors will come from all areas of motor sport and compete over an equally varied selection of events from hillclimbs to circuits in standard Group N rally cars.

Before it succumbed to the pressures of the fuel crisis in 1976, the Tour was beginning to establish a reputation for combining hard motoring and razzmatazz. The organizers hope that the tradition will be maintained when this year's Autoglass Tour begins at Cardington in the Midlands on September 26th. Whatever happens, the winner will join a distinguished band. Previous winners include James Hunt.

END COLUMN

Magyar magic has lost its spell

From David Miller
Budapest

There are only six of them left, four here at home, two living in Spain. And no one, officially, now wants to know them, though the public loves them still. Unbelievably, Hungarian sporting bureaucracy has turned its back on the greatest team its country, possibly the world, has ever seen. The Magyar masters of 1953 are yesterday's men.

Five are dead: Bozsik, the genius of a wing-half, Kocsis, the marksman who later went to Barcelona, Budai, the right winger, Lorant and Zakarias from defence. So also is Gustav Sebes, the manager, who moulded them into Olympic and, so nearly, World Cup winners and the scorers of 13 goals in two matches against England.

Grosics the goalkeeper, full backs Buzanszky and Lantos and the incomparable Hidegkuti live in Budapest. Buzanszky and Lantos are in the wine trade, Grosics runs a sports shop, Hidegkuti does little more than reflect upon the golden days. Puskas and Czibor rest on their laurels in, respectively, Madrid and Barcelona. None of them wishes to watch the game in Hungary, nor are they invited.

Their triumphs bred an envy that will not allow forgiveness of their fame among petty contemporary bureaucrats. Only in Belgium, West Germany and elsewhere are they still feted as immortal players.

Football reflects social problems

"We are not wanted because we dare to speak our mind," Mihalyi Lantos says. "The game has turned its back on us which is painful and sad. Hungarian football is now in the same state that perhaps England's was in 1953 — believing it had nothing to learn, not recognising that other countries had moved forward."

Hungarian football, he thinks, is a reflection of the social problems also evident in industry and commerce. Nobody works hard. It is a miracle he says, that the country survives. Much of the brains has been exported and those left behind in authority promote their friends rather than those with ability. Even the presidents of local county councils are, ignorantly, controlling the appointment of football coaches.

The same, he says, has happened in other sports in which Hungary was once dominant. Fencing and water polo, for generations the domain of Hungarian experts, have declined, while Andreas Balczo, multiple Olympic and world championship winner in modern pentathlon, is an ignored figure. Envy again. In the 1952 Olympic Games Hungarians won 16 gold medals behind the Soviet Union and United States. And now?

"We will only recover when there is some discipline," Lantos says, "when we have coaches like Bukovi, who will sack a player who has 50 caps if it is necessary."

Coaches forced to go abroad

In 1949, Marton Bukovi, manager of the MTK club which then dominated the Hungarian First Division with Honved, expelled from the club a full-back called Biro, who had 53 international caps and irresponsibly played himself out of position in attack during Bukovi's absence one week.

It was that decision which resulted in Lantos being converted from stopper centre-half to left-back; in which position he later had to mark the most famous wingers in history, Matthews and Garrincha. When Lantos retired as a player in 1962 he spent three years as coach to Olympiakos in Athens, twice winning the championship. Then he returned to take Komolo, a small club in southern Hungary, to promotion and survival for eight years in the first divison.

"For a while after the era of Sebes and Bukovi our football remained good," Lantos says. "Lajos Baroti was an excellent coach, and there were outstanding players in Bene, Albert, Farkas, Sandor, Tichy and others. But more and more Sebes and his school were disliked by officialdom because he would only work with those he wanted. Increasingly, our coaches were forced to go abroad to be successful, to go where their ideas were accepted in the way Sebes originally had been here."

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